KILLER'S CARGO

WE'VE ALL READ OF THE MONSTROUS CRIME SYNDICATES WHICH, LIKE BLOOD-BLOATED SPIDERS, CAST THEIR VICIOUS WEBS TO ALL CORNERS OF THE GLOBE! LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ALL OVER THE WORLD RISK THEIR LIVES DAILY TO SQUASH THIS EMPIRE OF CRIME!

WHAT... WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THOSE GUNS?

YOU PROMISED TO BRING US TO AMERICA!

THIS IS AMERICA, PAISAN!

BUT WE DIDN'T PROMISE TO BRING YOU HERE... ALIVE!

USE THE SILENCERS AND... HURRY! A U.S. PATROL BOAT IS COMING ALONGSIDE!

THIS SCENE TOOK PLACE ABOARD THE SHIP "SICILIAN" JUST OUTSIDE THE N.Y. HARBOR ON JUNE 10, 1949! THE DETAILS OF THIS INFAMOUS MASSACRE WILL SHOCK YOU!

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O.K., IT'S CLEAR!
AHOY, PATROL BOAT, YOU WISH TO SEARCH MY SHIP? I ASSURE YOU, ALL IS IN ORDER! WE CARRY NOTHING BUT SPICES FROM SICILY FROM THE SICILIANO CARGO CO.!

WHAT WERE THOSE SPLASHES WE HEARD A MOMENT AGO, CAPTAIN?
WHY... ER... THAT WAS, GARBAGE, SIGNOR! WE WISH TO ENTER YOUR AMERICAN HARBOR WITH A CLEAN SHIP! WILL YOU COME ABOARD NOW?

WHEN THEY'RE SO ANXIOUS TO HAVE YOU COME ABOARD TO INSPECT, YOU CAN BE SURE IT'S TOO LATE TO FIND ANYTHING, MR. CURTIS!
I SURMISED AS MUCH! ALL RIGHT, LET'S GET BACK TO THE DOCKS!
SIR, THERE'S SOMETHING FLOATING OFF THE STARBOARD BOW!

SO THAT'S WHAT THE SPLASHES WERE THAT WE HEARD!
WHY DON'T WE BRING THEM INTO PORT UNDER ARREST, MR. CURTIS? THIS SMUGGLING OF ALIENS, AND THEN KILLING THEM IN COLD BLOOD SO THEY WON'T BE CAUGHT AT IT, IS MONSTROUS!

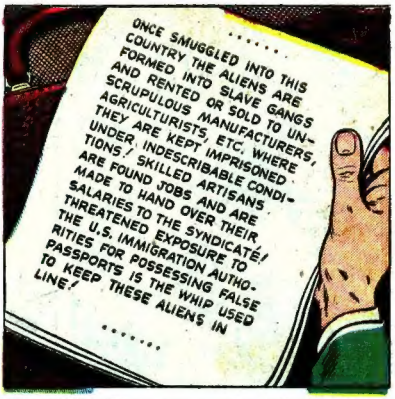
WE HAVE TO CATCH THEM IN THE ACT, OR WE HAVEN'T CONCRETE EVIDENCE! THE SMUGGLING IS ONLY HALF THE PICTURE! HERE, LOOK AT THIS... FORGED PASSPORTS! I MUST GET TO THE CHIEF!
PUT ABOUT AND BRING US TO PORT!
AYE, AYE, SIR!

AH, CURTIS! I'M GLAD YOU'RE BACK! ANY LUCK?
NOT MUCH, CHIEF! MORE OF THOSE POOR ALIENS KILLED BEFORE WE COULD GET ABOARD! WE FISHED OUT ONE AND FOUND ANOTHER FORGED PASSPORT!
F.B.I. DEPT. G

FLOYD, WE'RE UP AGAINST A HARD PROBLEM! THIS SYNDICATE SICILIANO ARE VERY SHREWD AND HAVE LOTS OF MONEY AND FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES, YET WE'VE GOT TO SMASH THEM! I JUST RECEIVED THIS CABLEGRAM FROM SICILY! THE ORGANIZATION HEADQUARTERS ARE THERE AND THE POLICE WANT OUR HELP!
I SEE! WELL, I SUPPOSE THAT MEANS THAT I'M ELECTED! WHEN DO I LEAVE?

RIGHT AWAY! I HAVE A PLANE CHARTERED TO TAKE YOU TO ITALY! HERE ARE REPORTS ON THE CASE THAT YOU CAN READ EN ROUTE! YOU'LL BE MET AT THE AIRPORT IN SICILY BY CAPTAIN RICO PONZI WHO WILL WORK WITH YOU! GOOD BYE AND GOOD LUCK, FLOYD!
I'VE A HUNCH I'LL NEED ALL THE LUCK I CAN GET! GOOD BYE, SIR!
F.B.I. DEPT. G

THIS IS REALLY A ROTTEN BUSINESS! THESE POOR PEASANTS, BROKE AND HUNGRY, PAY THEIR LAST CENT FOR FORGED PASSPORTS TO TAKE THEM TO AMERICA, THE GOLDEN LAND OF FREEDOM! THEY ARE HERDED INTO CARGO BOATS AND BROUGHT HERE LIKE CATTLE, AND KILLED IN COLD BLOOD! IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THE SHIP WILL BE SEARCHED!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ONCE SMUGGLED INTO THIS COUNTRY THE ALIENS ARE FORMED INTO SLAVE GANGS AND RENTED OR SOLD TO UNSCRUPULOUS MANUFACTURERS, AGRICULTURISTS, ETC. WHERE THEY ARE KEPT IMPRISONED UNDER INDESCRIBABLE CONDITIONS! SKILLED ARTISANS ARE FOUND JOBS AND ARE MADE TO HAND OVER THEIR SALARIES TO THE SYNDICATE! THE U.S. IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES FOR POSSESSING FALSE PASSPORTS IS THE WHIP USED TO KEEP THESE ALIENS IN LINE!
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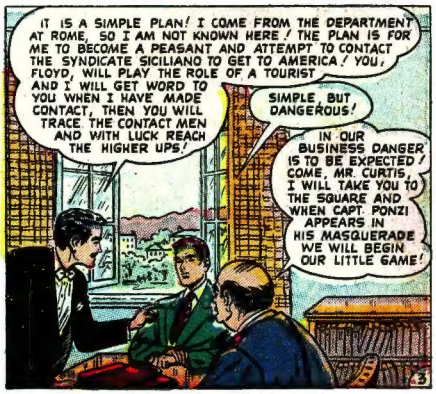
WE ARE ABOUT TO LAND, MR. CURTIS!
THANK YOU, STEWARDESS!
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF FELLOW THIS RICO PONZI WILL TURN OUT TO BE?

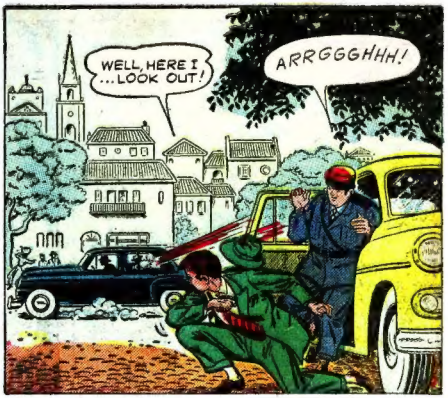
WELCOME TO SICILY, FLOYD CURTIS! SINCE WE ARE TO WORK TOGETHER I WILL CALL YOU FLOYD, IF YOU DON'T MIND!
I DON'T MIND AT ALL, CAPTAIN PONZI! AND IF YOU DON'T MIND I WILL CALL YOU RICO!

WE WILL GO IMMEDIATELY TO SEE MY SUPERIOR! WE HAVE WORD THAT ANOTHER CARGO IS TO LEAVE SOON FOR YOUR COUNTRY AND WE HAVE A PLAN AFOOT!
THAT'S WHAT I LIKE, ACTION! LET'S SEE YOUR CHIEF AND GET GOING!

SIR, THIS IS FLOYD CURTIS OF THE F.B.I.!
HAPPY TO MEET YOU, SIR!
AND I TO MEET YOU, MR CURTIS! NOW LET US GO TO WORK, THERE IS NO TIME TO WASTE! CAPT. PONZI WILL TELL YOU OF OUR PLAN SINCE UPON HIS SHOULDERS WILL FALL THE BRUNT OF THE MATTER!


IT IS A SIMPLE PLAN! I COME FROM THE DEPARTMENT AT ROME, SO I AM NOT KNOWN HERE! THE PLAN IS FOR ME TO BECOME A PEASANT AND ATTEMPT TO CONTACT THE SYNDICATE SICILIANO TO GET TO AMERICA! YOU, FLOYD, WILL PLAY THE ROLE OF A TOURIST AND I WILL GET WORD TO YOU WHEN I HAVE MADE CONTACT, THEN YOU WILL TRACE THE CONTACT MEN AND WITH LUCK REACH THE HIGHER UPS!
SIMPLE, BUT DANGEROUS!
IN OUR BUSINESS DANGER IS TO BE EXPECTED! COME, MR. CURTIS, I WILL TAKE YOU TO THE SQUARE AND WHEN CAPT. PONZI APPEARS IN HIS MASQUERADE WE WILL BEGIN OUR LITTLE GAME!

HERE IS WHERE THE BLACK MARKETEERS PLY THEIR NEFARIOUS TRADE, AND HERE THE CONTACTS ARE MADE BY THE SYNDICATE SICILIANO! THERE, LOOK, IS CAPTAIN PONZI, NOW! DO YOU SEE HIM?
YES, I SEE HIM BUT I WOULDN'T RECOGNIZE HIM!


WELL, HERE I ...LOOK OUT!
ARRGGGHHH!

I GOT THE TIRE!

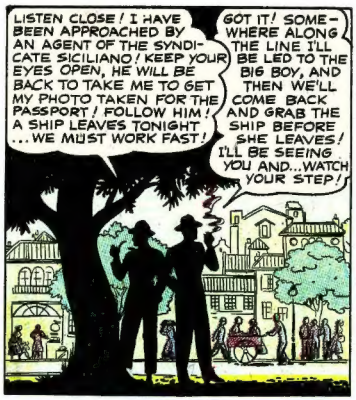
GOT YOU, YOU DOG!
ARRRGGHH!

GO, CURTIS... DO NOT LET THEM CONNECT YOU WITH ME! PONZI'S LIFE IS FORFEIT IF YOU FAIL! STICK CLOSE TO HIM AND REPORT TO MY SUCCESSOR WHEN YOU NEED HELP! GO, NOW OR... AHHHHHH!
DEAD! ANOTHER SCORE TO LAY AT THE DOOR OF THAT BLOODY SYNDICATE!

YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED... THE CHIEF IS DEAD! I'LL STICK AROUND UNTIL YOU LEAVE, THEN GO BACK TO SEE IF ANY OF THOSE RATS ARE ALIVE YET! WHO WILL TAKE YOUR CHIEF'S PLACE?
ALDO FACHETTI! HE WAS MY CHIEF'S ASSISTANT! WHAT HAS HAPPENED WILL SCARE THEM OFF SO YOU MIGHT AS WELL LEAVE NOW! I'LL SEE YOU HERE TOMORROW AT 9!

I'M FLOYD CURTIS, OF THE F.B.I, SENT HERE TO WORK WITH YOU ON THE SYNDICATE SICILIANO ALIEN SLAVE LABOR RING!
AH, YES, MR. CURTIS! I AM SORRY TO REPORT THAT THE MEN IN THE MURDER CAR WERE ALL DEAD, SO WE CANNOT QUESTION THEM! YOU WILL HAVE TO EXCUSE ME NOW! TAKING OVER THIS JOB GIVES ME MUCH WORK TO DO, YOU UNDERSTAND! COME BACK TOMORROW AND WE WILL DISCUSS THIS SYNDICATE SICILIANO!

WELL... THAT WAS A FAST BRUSH OFF! I MIGHT AS WELL GO BACK TO THE SQUARE AND SEE HOW RICO IS MAKING OUT!


LISTEN CLOSE! I HAVE BEEN APPROACHED BY AN AGENT OF THE SYNDICATE SICILIANO! KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN, HE WILL BE BACK TO TAKE ME TO GET MY PHOTO TAKEN FOR THE PASSPORT! FOLLOW HIM! A SHIP LEAVES TONIGHT ...WE MUST WORK FAST!
GOT IT! SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE I'LL BE LED TO THE BIG BOY, AND THEN WE'LL COME BACK AND GRAB THE SHIP BEFORE SHE LEAVES! I'LL BE SEEING YOU AND...WATCH YOUR STEP!

THERE THEY GO... AND HERE'S WHERE I DO A TAILING JOB LIKE I'VE NEVER DONE BEFORE!

THEY'RE GOING INTO THAT PHOTOGRAPHER'S SHOP! AH, THE LITTLE RAT ISN'T STAYING! HE'S GOING TO MAKE HIS REPORT TO SOMEBODY ELSE AND I'M GOING TO BE RIGHT WITH HIM!
PHOTOGRAPHS

WELL, HE DIDN'T GO FAR! THAT MUST BE HEADQUARTERS, AND THE BIG BOYS MUST BE THERE NOW! I'LL FIND A PHONE AND CALL CHIEF FACHETTI AND WE'LL PULL A RAID THAT SHOULD NET US SOME REAL BIG FISH!

BUT I TELL YOU CHIEF, THIS IS THE BIG ONE...THIS IS WHAT I WAS SENT HERE FOR AND WHAT YOUR FORMER SUPERIOR WAS WORKING ON WHEN HE WAS KILLED BY THESE PEOPLE! ALL RIGHT, I'LL MEET YOU RIGHT HERE IN FRONT OF THIS STORE!

IT'S THAT WAREHOUSE DOWN THE BLOCK, CHIEF!
YOU MEN COVER THE BACK ENTRANCE! CURTIS, YOU AND I WILL GO IN THE FRONT! LET US GO!

Y'KNOW CHIEF, I THINK IT'S A LITTLE LIKE STICKING OUR NECKS OUT TO WALK IN HERE LIKE THIS! WE SHOULD... HEY...WHAT...?
BE QUIET, MR. CURTIS, I HAVE MY GUN IN YOUR BACK! YOU ARE NOT IN AMERICA NOW, YOU ARE IN SICILY, AND HERE YOU ARE NOTHING BUT A NOSY AMERICAN WHO MUST BE LIQUIDATED FOR THE GOOD OF THE SYNDICATE!

GET IN HERE! YOU, VINCENZO, GET TO THE DOCKS AND TELL THEM TO SAIL IMMEDIATELY!
YES, SIGNOR!
THEY DON'T KNOW ABOUT RICO PONZI! IF I CAN ONLY GET THERE BEFORE THAT SHIP SAILS!
WHAT HAVE WE HERE, SIGNOR FACHETTI? A NOSY ONE?

YES, THIS IS ONE FROM THE F.B.I.! MY MEN, AHAHAHA, ARE IN BACK, SO WE MUST LIQUIDATE THIS ONE QUIETLY!
AND WHAT IS MORE QUIET THAN THE BLADE? BUT FIRST, PERHAPS WE SHALL WHITTLE A LITTLE TO MAKE THIS ONE TALK, EH?
YOU'LL GET NOTHING OUT OF ME, YOU SKUNK! YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS .. MY PEOPLE TAKE CARE OF THEIR OWN! THEY'LL GET YOU NO MATTER WHERE YOU HIDE!

LOOKOUT! HE .. ARRRGHHH!
HAH, AMERICAN DOG!
YOU FORGOT TO REMOVE THIS DOG'S TEETH!

GUNFIRE, WE HEARD, SIGNOR!
TWO OF YOU STAY HERE ...THE REST COME WITH ME . TO THE DOCKS! AND TELL THAT DRIVER TO STEP ON IT!
SICILIANO CARGO CO.
POLICE

HE STEP ON IT NO?
YES. BUT NOT FAST ENOUGH! THE BOAT HAS GONE! TAKE ME TO THE AIRPORT!
THE NEXT PLANE DOES NOT LEAVE FOR SOME TIME, SIGNOR! YOU WILL HAVE A WAIT!

AS LONG AS I GET TO NEW YORK BEFORE THAT BOAT DOCKS!
OH, BE ASSURED OF THAT, SIGNOR!

THERE'S THE SICILIANO CARGO CO. BOAT BELOW! I MUST SEE TO IT THAT THE PATROL LEAVES IT ALONE WHEN IT DOCKS OR RICO WILL BE MURDERED LIKE THE OTHERS! WE'LL HAVE TO GET TO THEM WHEN THEY UNLOAD THE ALIENS AT THE DOCK! I ONLY HOPE WE DON'T MISS THIS TIME!

THAT'S THE WAY TO TRAVEL ... BY PLANE, NOT, IN A STINKIN' OLD TUB LIKE THIS!
BUT IT IS NOT SO PROFITABLE, MY FRIEND!
I'M GONNA TAKE A LOOK AT THOSE MONKEYS IN THE HOLD! COME ON, TONY!

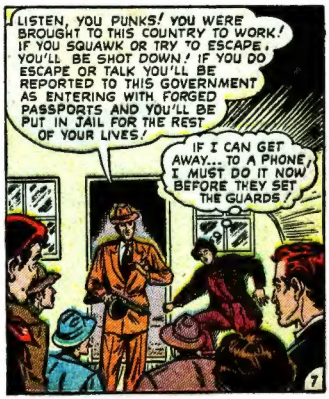
WE'RE COMING INTO PORT SOON, SO YOU MONKEYS KEEP QUIET, SEE!
THIS MAN IS DYING, AND THE FOOD AND RATS DOWN HERE ARE...
COMPLAINTS YET, HUH? SHUT UP, YOU! YOU'LL DO AS YOU'RE TOLD AND LIKE IT! GET READY TO LEAVE, ALL OF YUH!

HURRY UP, GET INTO THE BOAT AND IF ANY OF YUH MAKE A SOUND, I'LL SPLIT YUH WIDE OPEN!
TAKING THEM OFF THIS WAY, AT NIGHT, BEFORE WE COME TO THE PATROLLED DOCK AREA IS VERY GOOD!
YEAH, WE DON'T RUN THE CHANCE OF HAVIN' TO DUMP SO MANY THIS WAY! HURRY UP, THERE, THE TRUCKS ARE WAITIN' ON SHORE!

GET IN... GET IN, HURRY! THIS IS A SORRY LOOKING BUNCH, ALPHONSE!
WHADAYA WANT AT THIS PRICE, ... SCIENTISTS? YOU CAN WORK THEM UNTIL THEY DROP... THERE'S MORE WHERE THEY CAME FROM!

WHERE ARE THEY TAKING US, AND WHY DO THEY TREAT US THIS WAY? IS THIS THE AMERICA WE DREAMED OF? FREEDOM, FAH... WE ARE MORE SLAVES NOW THAN WHEN WE WERE IN SICILY! FOR THIS I GAVE ALL THE MONEY I OWNED!
YOU BOUGHT YOUR OWN SLAVERY BY DEALING WITH GANGSTERS TO ENTER THIS COUNTRY ILLEGALLY! THERE IS FREEDOM FOR NO ONE, ANYWHERE, WHO BECOMES ENTANGLED WITH THIEVES AND THUGS!
YOU SAY A TRUE THING! WE ARE CAUGHT IN A TRAP WE PAID TO BUILD!

GET OUT AND GET INTO THOSE HUTS! YOU'RE STAYING HERE UNTIL TOMORROW NIGHT!
I'M GLAD WE SAVED THIS BUNCH! I'VE ALREADY SOLD THEM TO AN INLAND CLIENT TO WORK IN A FERTILIZER FACTORY! YOU'D BETTER GIVE THEM THE SPEECH... PUT THE FEAR INTO THEM!
YEAH, BOSS!


LISTEN, YOU PUNKS! YOU WERE BROUGHT TO THIS COUNTRY TO WORK! IF YOU SQUAWK OR TRY TO ESCAPE, YOU'LL BE SHOT DOWN! IF YOU DO ESCAPE OR TALK YOU'LL BE REPORTED TO THIS GOVERNMENT AS ENTERING WITH FORGED PASSPORTS AND YOU'LL BE PUT IN JAIL FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIVES!
IF I CAN GET AWAY... TO A PHONE, I MUST DO IT NOW BEFORE THEY SET THE GUARDS!

IF I CAN GET TO THE TELEPHONE THERE IN THE HOUSE...

SO FAR, SO GOOD! I PRAY MY LUCK HOLDS!

OPERATOR, GET ME THE F.B.I., AND HURRY! HELLO ..F.B.I ? LISTEN CAREFULLY, I HAVEN'T MUCH TIME! THIS IS RICO PONZI OF THE SICILIAN POLICE...
CAPT. PONZI! IT'S GOOD TO KNOW YOU'RE ALIVE! FLOYD CURTIS IS ON YOUR TRAIL AND SHOULD BE IN YOUR VICINITY NOW! HE PICKED UP THE TRAIL OF YOUR TRUCKS FROM THE DOCK AREA! WE'VE GOT THE SHIP AND THE MEN ON BOARD!

THERE HE IS! I WINGED HIM!
WAIT! NO MORE SHOOTING... IT MAY BE HEARD! TONY GET THE CAR.. HE WON'T GET FAR!
CAPT PONZI! PONZI...WHAT HAPPENED, PONZI!

I...I CAN'T... I...
THERE HE IS.. IN THE HEAD-LIGHTS!
RUN HIM DOWN!

ARRGGHHH!
POOR BOY! VICTIM OF A HIT AND RUN DRIVER! WE'LL THROW HIS BODY ON THE ROAD AND
COPS! FEDS! THE LOUSY.
UGHHHHH!

SERGEANT PAYNE, TAKE A GROUP AND COVER THE HOUSE AND HUTS! COME ON, MEN, WE'LL CLEAN UP THIS RATS NEST! I THINK WE'LL FIND BOOKS HERE WITH ADDRESSES AND NAMES THAT WILL GIVE US A COMPLETE PICTURE!
I'LL SEE THAT NOTHING'S DESTROYED, SIR!

YOU'VE DONE A SPLENDID JOB, FLOYD! WITH WHAT WE FOUND IN THAT HOUSE WE'LL BE ABLE TO BREAK UP THE SYNDICATE SICILIANO BOTH HERE AND ABROAD AND BRING TO AN END THIS SLAVE LABOR RACKET OF POOR, SIMPLE ITALIAN PEASANTS!
WHAT I DID WAS SMALL, CHIEF! RICO PONZI DID THE DANGEROUS WORK... A FINE AND COURAGEOUS MAN AND OFFICER! IN THE LINE OF DUTY, WHAT MORE CAN A MAN GIVE... THAN HIS LIFE!
THE END

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YOU'D THINK THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME YOU BUMPED SOMEBODY OFF! YOU'RE NERVOUS LIKE IT WAS YOUR FIRST DATE!

NEVER MIND! I AIN'T GOT WHAT YOU GOT IN YOUR HEART! HATE DON'T MAKE ME TICK!

SHUT UP, BOTH OF YA! STORBEL AIN'T GOIN' UP! SHE'S SAYIN' GOOD-NIGHT TO HIM AT THE DOOR!

WELL, AT LEAST LET ME CALL YOU SOME NIGHT! LET ME TAKE YOU OUT TO DINNER AND A SHOW! A LEGITIMATE SHOW!

ANYTHING LEGITIMATE WOULD BE UNUSUAL FOR YOU, WOULDN'T IT, MR. STORBEL? YOU SEE, I KNOW WHO YOU ARE! I KNOW WHO YOUR FRIENDS WERE AT THE PARTY THIS EVENING! I'M NOT DECEIVED BY TUXEDOS!

MR. BLAINE, MR. FULLER, YOURSELF— THE OTHERS— YOU'RE ALL RICH RACKETEERS, PUTTING ON THE RITZ! MAYBE YOU'VE ALL GRADUATED FROM THE KILLING PHASE OF YOUR BUSINESS! BUT YOU ALL LOOK, TALK AND SMELL LIKE GUNMEN TO ME!

BUT MISS FELCH! WAIT A MINUTE! YOU-YOU GOT ME WRONG...

MAYBE YOU CAN BUY YOUR WAY INTO SOCIETY THROUGH A FEW SENSATION-SEEKING GAMBLING CYNICS! YOU COULDN'T BUY THE RIGHT TIME FROM ME! GOODBYE, MR. STORBEL! IT'S EARLY YET! PERHAPS YOU CAN STILL FIND A SAFE TO CRACK!

SHE'S GOT A NERVE! HIGH-HATTING ME. —AFTER I SAVED HER TAXI-FARE!

HEY, STORBEL! YOU AIN'T DOIN' SO HOT!— NOT EVEN A GOOD-NIGHT KISS!

WHAT ARE YOU BUMS DOING UPTOWN!? YOU KNOW BLAINE'S ORDERS! YOU'RE NEVER TO COME UPTOWN! NEVER! NOW BREEZE!

UH-UH! NOT WITHOUT YOU, STORBEL! IT AIN'T OFTEN GUTTER RATS LIKE US CAN RUB ELBOWS WITH HIGH SOCIETY LIKE YOU! GET IN, STORBEL!

GET IN OR WE'LL BLOW YOUR YELLOW GUTS ALL OVER THIS UPTOWN SIDEWALK!

WHAT'S THE MATTER? WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT? WHAT ARE YOU GUYS SORE ABOUT?

WE'RE SORE THAT WE DON'T LIVE RIGHT! SO WE'RE GOIN' TO TAKE IT OUT ON YOU, STORBEL! YOU FIRST! THEN BLAINE, FULLER— ALL THE STUFFED SHIRTS WHO GIVE THE ORDERS!

BUT—THAT'S CRAZY! WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME GANG!

THE GANG'S TOO BIG! TOO MANY HANDS IN THE PIE! GOT TO CUT OFF SOME HANDS!

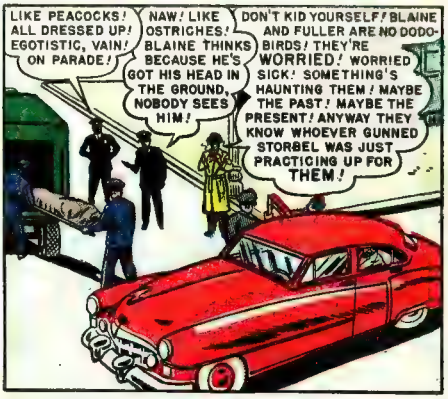
FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE, DUST... GIVE ME A BREAK! DON'T KILL ME!...

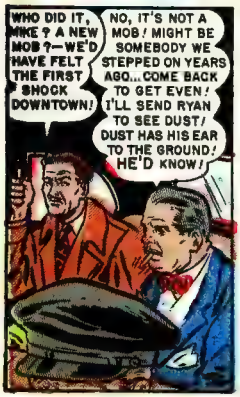
SORRY, STORBEL! I AIN'T LIKE ERNIE! ERNIE JUST WANTS A BIGGER CUT— BUT MONEY DON'T INTEREST ME! I GOT HATE IN MY HEART AN' YOU CAN'T BRIBE HATE!

WELL, BLAINE, THAT'S HOW WE FOUND STORBEL! GOT ANY IDEAS WHO MIGHT'VE BUMPED HIM OFF?
THAT'S A FOOLISH QUESTION, OFFICER! EVERYBODY KNOWS I'VE RETIRED! I WOULDN'T KNOW ONE GANG FROM ANOTHER ANY MORE!
DON'T HAND US THAT BUNK, BLAINE! YOUR UPTOWN CROWD IS THE SAME DIRTY CREW IT USED TO BE DOWNTOWN! COME CLEAN, BLAINE! WHAT MOB IS AFTER YOU?

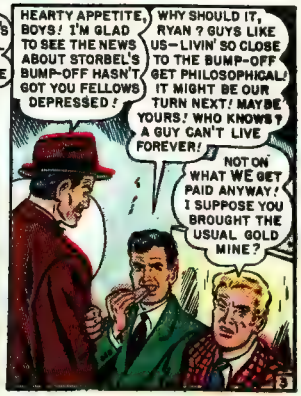
MOBS? I'VE GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH MOBS! I PLAY THE STOCK MARKET, I GO YACHTING IN MY SPARE TIME! WHY SHOULD A MOB HUNT ME?
DON'T KID ME, BLAINE! DUST RICCI AND ERNIE POST DO YOUR DIRTY WORK DOWNTOWN, WHILE YOU AND FULLER COLLECT THE GRAVY UPTOWN!

RICCI? POST? NEVER HEARD OF 'EM! HOW ABOUT YOU, MICHAEL?
TRYING TO RECALL, LEWIS! USUALLY A NAME STAYS WITH ME! NO, CAN'T SAY I DO KNOW THEM!
OKAY! HAVE IT YOUR WAY! IT'S YOUR FUNERAL! WRAP UP THE STIFF, BOYS!


LIKE PEACOCKS! ALL DRESSED UP! EGOTISTIC, VAIN! ON PARADE!
NAW! LIKE OSTRICHES! BLAINE THINKS BECAUSE HE'S GOT HIS HEAD IN THE GROUND, NOBODY SEES HIM!
DON'T KID YOURSELF! BLAINE AND FULLER ARE NO DODO-BIRDS! THEY'RE WORRIED! WORRIED SICK! SOMETHING'S HAUNTING THEM! MAYBE THE PAST! MAYBE THE PRESENT! ANYWAY THEY KNOW WHOEVER GUNNED STORBEL WAS JUST PRACTICING UP FOR THEM!


WHO DID IT, MIKE? A NEW MOB?—WE'D HAVE FELT THE FIRST SHOCK DOWNTOWN!
NO, IT'S NOT A MOB! MIGHT BE SOMEBODY WE STEPPED ON YEARS AGO... COME BACK TO GET EVEN! I'LL SEND RYAN TO SEE DUST! DUST HAS HIS EAR TO THE GROUND! HE'D KNOW!

THE NEWSPAPERS ARE PLAYIN' UP THE REVENGE MOTIVE, DUST! LET'S HOPE THE COPS AGREE!
DON'T GET SO HOPEFUL! BLAINE'S BLOODHOUNDS WILL BE SNIFFIN' UP THE SCENT BEFORE LONG!
QUIET! HERE COMES THE BLOODIEST BLOODHOUND OF THEM ALL! RYAN!


HEARTY APPETITE, BOYS! I'M GLAD TO SEE THE NEWS ABOUT STORBEL'S BUMP-OFF HASN'T GOT YOU FELLOWS DEPRESSED!
WHY SHOULD IT, RYAN? GUYS LIKE US—LIVIN' SO CLOSE TO THE BUMP-OFF GET PHILOSOPHICAL! IT MIGHT BE OUR TURN NEXT! MAYBE YOURS! WHO KNOWS? A GUY CAN'T LIVE FOREVER!
NOT ON WHAT WE GET PAID ANYWAY! I SUPPOSE YOU BROUGHT THE USUAL GOLD MINE?

YOU'VE BEEN MAKING CRACKS ABOUT DOUGH TOO OFTEN LATELY, ERNIE! ANYBODY'D THINK YOU DIDN'T LIKE THE WAY YOU WERE PAID!

ANYBODY'D BE RIGHT! I DO THE WORK THAT KEEPS THE BIG SHOTS IN THEIR PENTHOUSES! PEANUTS IS GOOD FOR MONKEYS, NOT ERNIE POST!

BUT ERNIE—HOW IGNORANT OF YOU! THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THE BIG SHOTS THINK YOU ARE—A MONKEY! PARDON ME, A GORILLA!

WE DOWNTOWNERS AIN'T HUMAN TO BLAINE AN' FULLER! WE'RE JUST DIRTY GORILLAS! I'M SURPRISED THEY DON'T PAY US OFF IN BANANAS!

$200!—THAT'S WHAT BLAINE TIPS THE HEAD-WAITER AT THE STAG CLUB!

SO WHO ASKS YOU TO BE A HOOD? BE A HEAD-WAITER!

I GOT A BETTER SOLUTION, RYAN! WE'RE GOIN' TO BE SMART! WE'RE GOIN' TO BUST OUTA OUR CAGES SOMEDAY! GO AFTER THE ZOO-KEEPERS! THE WHOLE DOWNTOWN IS A ZOO TO BLAINE AND FULLER! THEY'RE IN THE UPTOWN, LOOKIN' IN!

HEY!

ONCE A WEEK THEY SEND A PARK ATTENDANT NAMED RYAN DOWN TO FEED US! BUT ONE MEAL A WEEK AIN'T ENOUGH, RIGHT, ERNIE?

YEAH! RIGHT NOW I'M SO HUNGRY I COULD BITE THE HAND THAT FEEDS ME!

AW, YOU GUYS ARE CRAZY! YOU LIKE TO GO AROUND SOUNDIN' OFF HOW TOUGH YOU ARE! IT'S ALL WIND! NOW LISTEN—BLAINE WANTS A JOB DONE...

BILL'S COFFEE SHOP

BLAINE THINKS SOME OLD ENEMY OF HIS KILLED STORBEL! BLAINE SAYS TO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THE GUY AN' TO BUMP HIM OFF! IT'S AN EXTRA TWO GRAND IF YOU GET HIM!

HEY, ERNIE! EXTRA DOUGH! YOU CAN SHOW A DOLL A NICE TIME FOR TWO GRAND!

I'LL DO MY BEST. ANYTHING FOR MR. BLAINE!

PUT RYAN ON THE LIST, TOO! THE DUMMIES ARE NO BETTER THAN THE VENTRILOQUISTS!

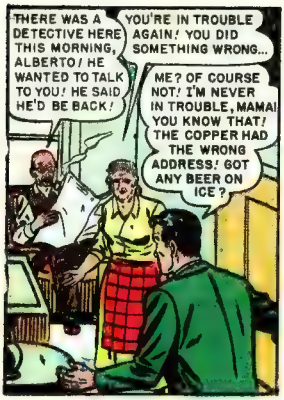
THEY ALL GO! I PROMISED YOU THAT! WELL, I'M GOIN' HOME, ERNIE, TO DREAM SWEET DREAMS ABOUT THE HUNDRED DIFFERENT WAYS I CAN KILL MR. BLAINE AN' MR. FULLER!

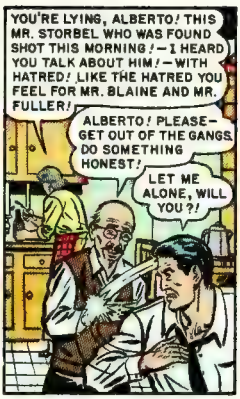
ME—I'M IN FOR THE DOUGH! I CAN'T SEE WHY US GUYS WHO DO THE STEALIN' AN' THE KILLIN' CAN'T KEEP THE WHOLE TAKE FOR OURSELVES WITHOUT SPLITTIN' WITH A BUNCH OF SWELL-HEADS WHO OUTGREW THE MOB! BUT DUST... HE AIN'T INTERESTED IN MONEY!

NOPE! DUST WANTS POWER! ALWAYS DID! CAN'T STAND ANYBODY OVER HIM, GIVIN' HIM ORDERS!

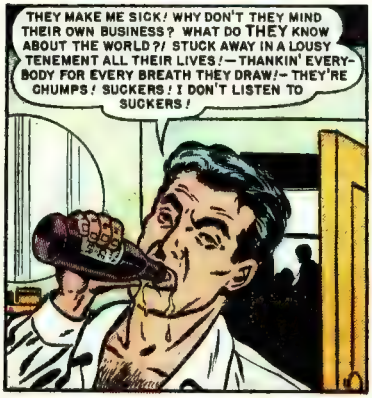
THAT'S WHY HE KILLED RIP DEVORE BACK IN '28! DEVORE KEPT STEPPIN' ON DUST'S TOES! DUST HAD A BAD PRISON RECORD, TOO! SAME REASON! WOULDN'T TAKE ORDERS! DUST ADDED TWO EXTRA YEARS TO HIS STRETCH, FIGHTIN' AUTHORITY!

I DON'T CARE WHO GIVES THE ORDERS... AS LONG AS I GET MY SHARE OF THE CABBAGE! AN' SPEAKIN' OF VEGETABLES, THERE'S A TOMATO I SHOULD BE CALLIN' NOW! EXCUSE ME, PINKY! TIME OUT FOR ROMANCE!

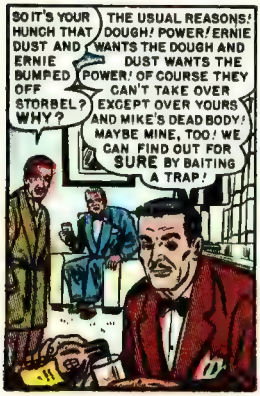

THERE WAS A DETECTIVE HERE THIS MORNING, ALBERTO! HE WANTED TO TALK TO YOU! HE SAID HE'D BE BACK!
YOU'RE IN TROUBLE AGAIN! YOU DID SOMETHING WRONG...
ME? OF COURSE NOT! I'M NEVER IN TROUBLE, MAMA! YOU KNOW THAT! THE COPPER HAD THE WRONG ADDRESS! GOT ANY BEER ON ICE?

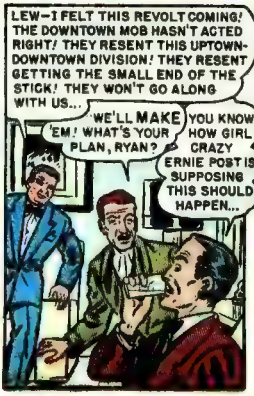

YOU'RE LYING, ALBERTO! THIS MR. STORBEL WHO WAS FOUND SHOT THIS MORNING! — I HEARD YOU TALK ABOUT HIM! — WITH HATRED! LIKE THE HATRED YOU FEEL FOR MR. BLAINE AND MR. FULLER!
ALBERTO! PLEASE — GET OUT OF THE GANGS. DO SOMETHING HONEST!
LET ME ALONE, WILL YOU?!

YOU'VE BEEN AFTER ME FOR YEARS — NAGGING ME — TELLING ME HOW TO RUN MY LIFE — WELL, SHUT UP, ALREADY! MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS OR I'LL MOVE ELSEWHERE!
SURE! TO PRISON! LIKE LAST TIME! WHEN YOU WERE LOCKED UP FOR SEVEN YEARS!
IF YOU'RE NOT KILLED!


THEY MAKE ME SICK! WHY DON'T THEY MIND THEIR OWN BUSINESS? WHAT DO THEY KNOW ABOUT THE WORLD?! STUCK AWAY IN A LOUSY TENEMENT ALL THEIR LIVES! — THANKIN' EVERYBODY FOR EVERY BREATH THEY DRAW! — THEY'RE CHUMPS! SUCKERS! I DON'T LISTEN TO SUCKERS!

CAN'T YOU TALK TO HIM, PAPA? HE DOESN'T COME HOME TO SLEEP! HE DOESN'T EAT RIGHT! HE TALKS LIKE A MAD MAN! HE'S IN WORSE TROUBLE THAN EVER! I CAN FEEL IT!
WE CAN DO NOTHING, MAMA! EVEN WHEN ALBERTO WAS A BOY, YOU COULD NOT TELL HIM ANYTHING! HE JUST DID WHAT HE WANTED TO! WE CAN DO NOTHING BUT WAIT AND PRAY!
SLAM!


SO IT'S YOUR HUNCH THAT DUST AND ERNIE BUMPED OFF STORBEL? WHY?
THE USUAL REASONS! DOUGH! POWER! ERNIE WANTS THE DOUGH AND DUST WANTS THE POWER! OF COURSE THEY CAN'T TAKE OVER EXCEPT OVER YOURS AND MIKE'S DEAD BODY! MAYBE MINE, TOO! WE CAN FIND OUT FOR SURE BY BAITING A TRAP!

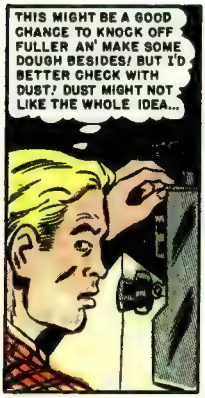

LEW — I FELT THIS REVOLT COMING! THE DOWNTOWN MOB HASN'T ACTED RIGHT! THEY RESENT THIS UPTOWN-DOWNTOWN DIVISION! THEY RESENT GETTING THE SMALL END OF THE STICK! THEY WON'T GO ALONG WITH US...
WE'LL MAKE 'EM! WHAT'S YOUR PLAN, RYAN?
YOU KNOW HOW GIRL CRAZY ERNIE POST IS. SUPPOSING THIS SHOULD HAPPEN...

ERNIE! PLEASE! YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME! YOU'VE GOT TO COME WITH ME NOW!
YOU GOT SOME NERVE! ERNIE'S MY DATE!
SHUT UP! GO PEDDLE YOUR PAPERS! — I'LL PHONE YOU TOMORROW IF I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHIN' BETTER TO DO...
CAFE

I KNEW YOU'D HELP ME, ERNIE! I ALWAYS DID LIKE YOU! EXCEPT—YOU KNOW FULLER! HE'D HAVE KILLED ME IF I LOOKED AT ANOTHER GUY! GET IN!
NOT SO FAST, BABY! FIRST, TELL ME WHAT MAKES YOU SO BRAVE TONIGHT? SECOND, WHY PICK MY SHOULDER TO CRY ON? AND THIRD, WHAT MAKES YOU SO SURE I CAN HELP?

BECAUSE I'M DESPERATE, ERNIE—DESPERATE! FULLER'S GIVING ME THE AIR—SOME OTHER CUTIE! A CHORUS LINE'S GOT HIS EYE! BUT OF ALL THINGS—FULLER WANTS HIS PRESENTS BACK! ALL THE JEWELRY HE GAVE ME—YEAH! EVEN THE FURS! CAN YOU IMAGINE THAT?! HE'S COMING FOR THEM TONIGHT!
WHY SHOULD THAT INTEREST ME?

I WANT YOU TO KILL HIM FOR ME! I KNOW YOU HATE THE UPTOWNERS! ESPECIALLY FULLER! BUMP FULLER OFF FOR ME WHEN HE COMES TONIGHT—AND I'LL GIVE YOU HALF MY JEWELS! THAT'S OVER TWENTY GRAND FOR YOUR SHARE! SAY YOU WILL, ERNIE!
I... DON'T KNOW! WAIT HERE! I'VE GOT TO MAKE A CALL FIRST!
KIT-KAT BAR

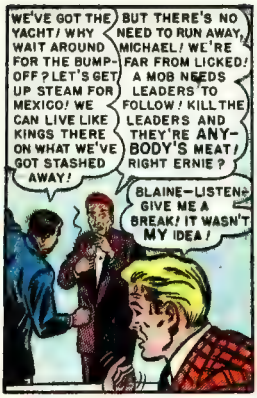

THIS MIGHT BE A GOOD CHANCE TO KNOCK OFF FULLER AN' MAKE SOME DOUGH BESIDES! BUT I'D BETTER CHECK WITH DUST! DUST MIGHT NOT LIKE THE WHOLE IDEA...

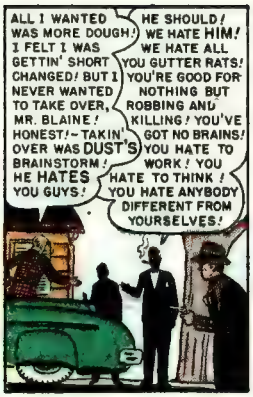
DUST IS NOT HOME, ERNIE! I'M SORRY! I DON'T KNOW WHEN HE'LL BE BACK! HE DOESN'T TELL US ANYTHING!
FUNNY! I'D HAVE SWORN DUST SAID HE WAS GOING HOME TO SLEEP! SO IT'S UP TO ME! WELL, I BUY THE DEAL! CAN'T SEE WHAT CAN GO WRONG! "THE REVENGE KILLER STRIKES AGAIN"! THAT'S WHAT THE PAPERS WILL SAY!
CLICK!

I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON YOU, ERNIE! I KNEW YOU'D HAVE THE COURAGE! I KNEW HOW THE GANG FELT ABOUT THE UPTOWN CROWD! TREATING YOU GUYS LIKE DIRT, LETTING YOU TAKE THE RAPS WHILE THEY TAKE THE GRAVY...
DON'T WORRY, BABY! IT WONT LAST LONG! SAY, THIS IS A NICE LITTLE .22 YOU GAVE ME! FITS RIGHT INTO MY PALM...

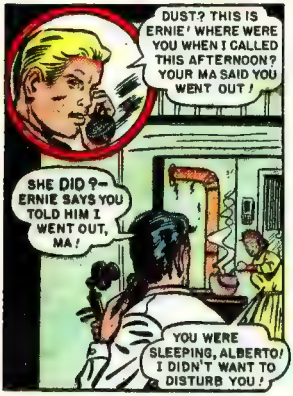
WELL—IT'S A GOOD THING YOU SHOWED UP ON TIME SISTER! I WAS GOING TO PHONE OUR DOWNTOWN MONKEY TO VISIT YOU BACKSTAGE! WHERE'S THE ICE?
RIGHT HERE! GUN HIM, ERNIE?
BANG

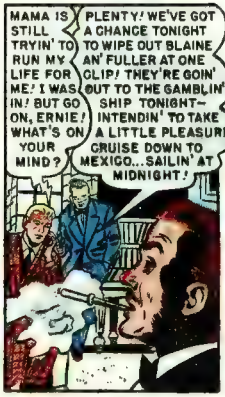
(GASP) HE DIDN'T FALL!
NATURALLY NOT, ERNIE! YOU WERE FIRING BLANKS! BUT I GUARANTEE YOU'LL FALL IF WE LET GO WITH OUR GUNS! STAND STILL, YOU DOUBLE-CROSSING RAT!
YOU SEE?! RYAN WAS RIGHT! THE DOWNTOWN MOB IS OUT TO GET US!

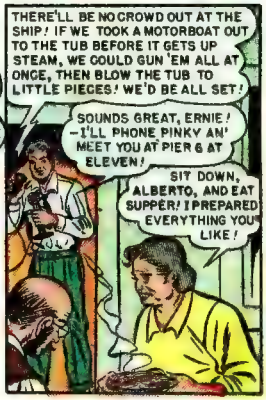

WE'VE GOT THE YACHT! WHY WAIT AROUND FOR THE BUMP-OFF? LET'S GET UP STEAM FOR MEXICO! WE CAN LIVE LIKE KINGS THERE ON WHAT WE'VE GOT STASHED AWAY!
BUT THERE'S NO NEED TO RUN AWAY, MICHAEL! WE'RE FAR FROM LICKED! A MOB NEEDS LEADERS TO FOLLOW! KILL THE LEADERS AND THEY'RE ANYBODY'S MEAT! RIGHT ERNIE?
BLAINE—LISTEN! GIVE ME A BREAK! IT WASN'T MY IDEA!


ALL I WANTED WAS MORE DOUGH! I FELT I WAS GETTIN' SHORT CHANGED! BUT I NEVER WANTED TO TAKE OVER, MR. BLAINE! HONEST!—TAKIN' OVER WAS DUST'S BRAINSTORM! HE HATES YOU GUYS!
HE SHOULD! WE HATE HIM! WE HATE ALL YOU GUTTER RATS! YOU'RE GOOD FOR NOTHING BUT ROBBING AND KILLING! YOU'VE GOT NO BRAINS! YOU HATE TO WORK! YOU HATE TO THINK! YOU HATE ANYBODY DIFFERENT FROM YOURSELVES!

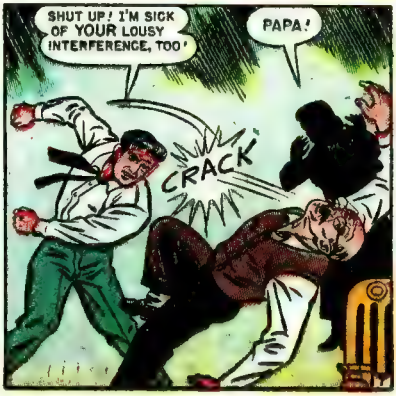
BUT TALK IS SUPERFLUOUS! ACTION IS NEEDED! ERNIE, WE'RE GOING TO KILL YOU... RIGHT HERE—NOW—UNLESS YOU DO AS WE SAY! FOLLOW THROUGH—AND THE DOWNTOWN CROWD MIGHT HAVE A NEW LEADER—WITH BETTER PAY!
SURE, MR. BLAINE! I DON'T CARE TWO CENTS FOR DUST! WE DON'T REALLY GET ALONG! TELL ME WHAT TO DO! I'M WITH YOU 100%!


DUST? THIS IS ERNIE! WHERE WERE YOU WHEN I CALLED THIS AFTERNOON? YOUR MA SAID YOU WENT OUT!
SHE DID?—ERNIE SAYS YOU TOLD HIM I WENT OUT, MA!
YOU WERE SLEEPING, ALBERTO! I DIDN'T WANT TO DISTURB YOU!


MAMA IS STILL TRYIN' TO RUN MY LIFE FOR ME! I WAS IN! BUT GO ON, ERNIE! WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?
PLENTY! WE'VE GOT A CHANCE TONIGHT TO WIPE OUT BLAINE AN' FULLER AT ONE CLIP! THEY'RE GOIN' OUT TO THE GAMBLIN' SHIP TONIGHT—INTENDIN' TO TAKE A LITTLE PLEASURE CRUISE DOWN TO MEXICO...SAILIN' AT MIDNIGHT!


THERE'LL BE NO CROWD OUT AT THE SHIP! IF WE TOOK A MOTORBOAT OUT TO THE TUB BEFORE IT GETS UP STEAM, WE COULD GUN 'EM ALL AT ONCE, THEN BLOW THE TUB TO LITTLE PIECES! WE'D BE ALL SET!
SOUNDS GREAT, ERNIE! —I'LL PHONE PINKY AN' MEET YOU AT PIER 6 AT ELEVEN!
SIT DOWN, ALBERTO, AND EAT SUPPER! I PREPARED EVERYTHING YOU LIKE!

INTO THE SEWER WITH YOUR LOUSY MEAL!! HOW MANY TIMES DID I TELL YOU—BUTT OUT OF MY BUSINESS!—DON'T RUN MY LIFE FOR ME!
ALBERTO! OWWW! YOU'RE HURTING ME!
YOU HOODLUM! LET GO OF YOUR MOTHER!


SHUT UP! I'M SICK OF YOUR LOUSY INTERFERENCE, TOO!
PAPA!
CRACK

ALBERTO! . PAPA HIT HIS HEAD AGAINST THE RADIATOR WHEN HE FELL! HE WON'T GET UP! ALBERTO, HELP ME!

AW, SPRINKLE SOME COLD WATER IN HIS FACE! IF ANYBODY ASKS FOR ME, YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE I WENT!

DUST... LISTEN TO THIS! THIS DAME HERE HAD A DATE WITH ERNIE THIS AFTERNOON! BUT ALONG COMES FULLER'S GIRL FRIEND ABOUT FIVE O'CLOCK AN' ERNIE DITCHES HER!

THAT AIN'T ALL! I SAW ERNIE AN HOUR AGO—UPTOWN! HE WAS WITH THIS BLAINE GUY YOU MUGGS HATE SO MUCH!

WITH BLAINE, EH? GO ON! KEEP TALKIN'!

PINKY, THAT DAME JUST SAVED OUR LIVES! ERNIE IS GIVIN' US THE DOUBLE-CROSS! I KNOW ERNIE! ONLY THE PRICE HAS TO BE RIGHT!—WELL, THERE'LL BE A TRAP SPRUNG TONIGHT!.. ONLY WE'LL SPRING IT!

YOU'RE THE BOSS, DUST!

YEAH! THE BOSS! I'VE BEEN WAITIN' TO BE BOSS A LONG TIME, PINKY! NOW IT'S MY DAY! WE'LL GO TO THE SHIP WITH ERNIE! BUT FIVE OF OUR DOWNTOWN MOB WILL COME AROUND THE OTHER SIDE... AFTER WE GO ABOARD!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, ERNIE? YOU LOOK NERVOUS!

NERVOUS? DON'T BE SILLY! EVERYTHING'S WITH US—INCLUDIN' THIS FOG! BETTER CUT YOUR MOTOR, DUST! WE CAN DRIFT IN.

SURE, ERNIE! ANYTHIN' YOU SAY, KID! THIS RAID IS YOUR BABY!

COME RIGHT UP, BOYS! JOIN THE WAKE! THERE'LL BE A FINE WAKE, NOW THAT WE HAVE ENOUGH CORPSES!

HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT, PINKY? THESE GUY'S WEREN'T SAILIN' FOR MEXICO! THEY WERE WAITIN' FOR US!

WE DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE YOU BEHIND! WE FIGURED THE SHARKS MIGHT BE HUNGRY!

SEE WHAT COMES OF HATRED, DUST? A RUBOUT AND A BURIAL AT SEA! WAS IT WORTH-WHILE? THIS STUPID ENVY OF ME AND MICHAEL?

THIS FOG SURE HELPED! WE LOST THAT HARBOR PATROL BOAT THAT WAS SHADOWIN' US EVER SINCE WE LEFT THE BAY!

THEY COULDN'T HURT US ANYWAY! BLAINE'S GAMBLIN' SHIP IS OUTSIDE U.S. WATERS! BE CAREFUL LOADIN' THAT T.N.T. ALONG-SIDE...

I'LL BE HONEST WITH YOU, DUST! I HATE YOUR TYPE OF GUNMAN AS MUCH AS YOU HATE YOUR SUPERIORS! YOU'RE A CHEAP MUGG BORN TO BE RUBBED OUT!

MAYBE THIS CHEAP PUNK HAS A HUNDRED TIMES YOUR POWER-DRUNK BRAINS! MAYBE YOU'RE DEAD ON YOUR FEET AN' DON'T KNOW IT!

GET DOWN DUST! WE'RE FIRING!...

I'M TICKLED YOU TWO DIDN'T GO DOWN WITH THE FIRST BURST! I'M GLAD A CHEAP PUNK LIKE ME CAN SHOW YOU FIRST-HAND WHAT HE'S GOOD AT!

DUST—! DON'T KILL US! PLEASE...FOR OLD TIMES' SAKE...

OHHH!

BANG

SORRY, ERNIE! EVERYTHING HAS A PRICE—INCLUDIN' A DOUBLE-CROSS!

EAAAA!

DUST—YOU DIRTY THUG... YOU—UGHHH

OKAY, BOYS! LIGHT THE DYNAMITE AN' TAKE IT ON THE LAM!

BAROOOM!

THERE'S THE GAMBLING SHIP NOW! ...IT'S BLOWING UP!

MOVE IN AND PICK UP SURVIVORS!

IT WAS DUST RICCI... HIM AND PINKY QUINN...(GASP) THEY BLEW UP THE SHIP...WIPED US OUT...WE...OHHHH!...

QUICK! GET POLICE HEADQUARTERS ON THE RADIO!

NOBODY HOME! THAT'S FUNNY! WHERE WOULD THE FOLKS BE THIS TIME OF NIGHT? AW!—WHO CARES? NOW MAYBE THEY WON'T CHEW MY EAR OFF ABOUT THE NASTY THINGS THAT HAPPEN TO GANGSTERS! I'LL GET SOME REST!—HEY! WHAT'S THAT SEARCHLIGHT SHININ' THROUGH THE WINDOW FOR?!

SURROUND THE BLOCK! CUT OFF THE HOUSE FRONT AND BACK!

BETTER NOT GO UP JUST NOW, MRS. RICCI! YOUR SON IS SHOOTING IT OUT ON THE ROOF NOW WITH MY OFFICERS! I'M SORRY! BUT DUST KILLED MANY MEN TONIGHT!

I KNOW LIEUTENANT! I JUST CAME FROM THE HOSPITAL! YOU SEE—ALBERTO'S FATHER JUST DIED! LET ME GO UP! I WILL STOP THE KILLING, I PROMISE!

MAMA! ARE YOU CRAZY! GET OUT OF THE WAY! THEY WANT TO TAKE ME WITH THEM!—YOU DON'T LET ME TAKE AIM!—

NO! NO MORE KILLING, ALBERTO! YOU'VE KILLED ENOUGH! YOU KILLED YOUR OWN FATHER TONIGHT! NOW YOU WILL GO WITH THE POLICE TO BE PUNISHED! SO PUT DOWN YOUR GUN, ALBERTO! YOU CANNOT SHOOT... EXCEPT AT ME!

HANDIN' OUT ORDERS AGAIN!? TELLIN' ME WHAT TO DO AN' HOW TO DO IT!? WELL, NOBODY GIVES DUST RICCI ORDERS... NOT EVEN YOU!—CROAK, IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU WANT IT! YOU'RE NO BETTER THAN THE OTHERS! NO BETTER!

THE MAD DOG! HE KILLED HIS OWN MOTHER! BRING HIM DOWN!...

THAT'S THAT, LIEUTENANT! NO MORE BLAINE-FULLER GANG! NO MORE UPTOWN! NO MORE DOWN-TOWN!

BUT THE HATRED GOES ON! LOOK AT DUST! EVEN IN DEATH, HIS MOUTH SET IN A SNARL OF HATRED! YESSIR, DUST RICCI WAS A BORN HATER!

BUT HE'S A DEAD ONE NOW—AS ARE ALL HATERS OF SOCIETY AND THE LAW!

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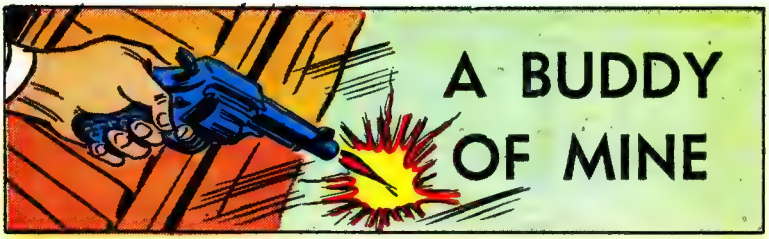

A BUDDY OF MINE

I'D COME south from the big city to help a friend of mine . . . a buddy. Dan and I had spent quite a bit of time together in the army. We'd been through North Africa, Sicily, and later the E. T. O. He was probably the bravest man I'd ever seen, always the first out in a charge, always the most savage, the most vicious in combat. Then he'd gotten hit in the stomach in a little town south of Berlin, and the bullet grazed his spine, paralyzing him. Now he'd written for help and I came down to see what was the trouble.

I sent him a telegram telling him I was arriving, and on the way down, just outside the town, somebody took a pot shot at me, splintering my windshield. That kinda made me mad, because if there's anything I hate it's getting shot at. I'm allergic to things like that.

Right away I went to the hospital to see Dan. He was on the ground floor and had a large, spacious room. He was sitting in a wheel chair by the window when I came in.

"Dodge!" he shouted, his face lighting up like a lighthouse.

"Hello, Dan." We shook hands warmly.

I told him what had happened and he couldn't account for it. Maybe it was an accident. A hunter . . . a wild shot."

"No. The bullet came too close. Somebody was *trying* to kill me. But what about you? What's wrong?"

"It's my girl, Helen. You remember her. I told you about her when we were together. I'm in here helpless and somebody's been sending her threatening notes. See if you can find out who . . . and why."

I told him I would, went to a hotel, washed up, and had some dinner in the hotel dining room. Then I went out to see Dan's girl.

She was expecting me, as I'd called before dinner, and believe you me she was some looker. Tall willowy type. Coal black hair and eyes, with a peaches and cream complexion. And a low, husky voice to top her off to perfection.

We sat down on the wide front porch and talked awhile. She was scared. I could tell that by the way her eyes kept jumping from me back to the shadows off to one side.

"Take it easy," I said, "nothing or nobody's going to bother you as long as I'm here. I came down to help you and Dan. He was a buddy of mine."

"I know, but these notes . . . I . . . they've got me all upset. Not knowing who, or why. Everybody knows I'm Dan's girl. I just don't understand it."

She didn't know of anyone who might have sent the notes. And I hadn't been in town long enough to find out. So I left after a few more minutes and went back to the hotel. I was just approaching the lobby door when it happened.

A shot . . . a scream . . . then another shot. Dead silence.

Instinctively I seemed to realize at once where the sound originated. The levee! It was about half a block away to the north of the hotel. I passed the last street light at a dead run and plunged into blackness. I tripped over something soft and yielding, and sprawled headlong. Before I could move a muscle the place was swarming with lights and people.

The thing I had tripped on was the body of a young boy, fifteen, maybe sixteen years old. He'd been shot twice in the back. Somebody shone a light in my face, blinding me. "Who are you?" a gruff voice asked. "What're you doin' here? See anything suspicious?"

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I couldn't answer all three questions at once, but I tried. "Name's Dodge Cottrell. Heard the shots from the hotel. I ran up here. I didn't see anything at all. Name, rank, and serial number. Anything else?"

"Don't get smart. I'm the sheriff here."

My explanation seemed to satisfy him and we started to look around. Only thing we could find was a footprint in the mud. A flat print that showed the outline of a shoe. But the odd thing about it was that you couldn't see the impression of a sole. The print was absolutely flat!

"Who is the boy?" I asked the sheriff.

"A sort of half-wit that runs around loose all over town. Lived with his pop in a little shack near here. Why anyone would want to kill him I can't figure. He never hurt anybody; he was harmless as a pup."

We didn't find anything else so I went back to the hotel and hit the sack. I was plenty tired.

The next day I rambled around the town, asking casual questions. I didn't find anything convincing, but I got started on the right track. It was all beginning to fit into place like a jig-saw puzzle . . . slowly but surely.

That night the boy's father was murdered. Somebody sneaked up to the shack, poked a gun through the window, and blasted him through the head. He never knew what hit him.

Then, all of a sudden, I had all the answers.

I went back to the hospital to see Dan.

His face brightened as I came in the door. I stood facing him.

"Find anything?" he asked me eagerly.

"Yeah," I said, "everything. *Stand up, Dan!*"

His eyes went slack, his jaw dropped open, the corner of his mouth twitched slightly. I was sick inside. Then he swung his legs from the bed, stood up before me.

"You know, then."

"Yeah. I couldn't believe it at first, didn't want to believe it, but now I know. You got me down here to frame me. Then you lost your nerve and tried to kill me in ambush on my way into town. You were the only one who knew I was coming . . . or the time."

He smiled glassily. I went on. "No wonder you wanted a bottom room in the hospital. So you could sneak in and out. Everybody thought you couldn't move, but you can. Sitting in that chair, there's a pressure on your spine that *does* paralyze you. You had the doctors fooled all right. But all you had to do was move slightly and the pressure was gone and then you could walk. Right?"

"Right."

"Everybody was scared of you. Kill crazy, that's you. No wonder we thought you were brave. The war was just a good chance for you to kill and get away with it. And you sent those notes to Helen because you thought she was going to ditch you. She knew all about it, but wouldn't tell me because she was afraid.

"And the half-witted boy. He saw you coming out of the window and so you had to kill him to keep him quiet. Then you had to knock off his father because you couldn't be sure he didn't know too.

"What gave you away was the footprint. I should have known right away, but it had me stumped. It was flat. The only thing that could have made it was a slipper . . . the kind of slipper they wear in hospitals. The kind you wear because you couldn't get any shoes!"

Dan was beginning to crack; my words were hammering home like a riveting machine. I stepped to the closet door, yanked it open and looked inside. The gun was there. A .30 Caliber carbine. It was the gun that had done all the shooting.

I jerked open the magazine, took out the shells, stuffed all but one in my pocket, turned to face Dan again.

"Wh . . . what're you goin' to do?" he quavered.

"Nothing. *You're* goin' to do it. I'm going to the sheriff, but first I'm giving you the easy way out." I threw the gun on the bed and one bullet on the floor.

Then I left the room. I hadn't gone fifteen steps when the shot echoed and re-echoed down the hospital corridor walls. I stiffened as though I had been shot.

After all, he had been my buddy . . .

Then I squared my shoulders, lifted my head, and walked out into the warm clean night.

THE END

BLACKHEADS "PET HATE"

Say Men, Girls in Choosing Date

What a "black mark" is the blackhead . . . according to men and girls popular enough to be choosy about dates!

"Nobody's dreamboat!" "Nobody's date bait!" And that's not all that's said of those who are careless about blackheads. But blackheads ARE ugly! Blackheads ARE grimy! And they DON'T look good in close-ups!

So can you blame the fellow who says, "Sure, I meet lots of girls who look cute at first glance. But if, on that second glance, I see dingy blackheads, it's *good night!*"

Or can you blame the girl who confesses, "I hate to go out with a fellow who has blackheads. If he's careless about that you're sure he'll embarrass you in other ways, too!"

But you — are YOUR ears burning? Well, you've company and, sad to say, good company. There are lots of otherwise attractive fellows and girls who could date anyone they like if they'd only realize how offensive blackheads are . . . and how easily and quickly they could get rid of them . . . if they *wants* to!

"He-Man" Often Guilty of Blackhead Crime

Take your "he-man" . . . super at track, games, sports of all kinds . . . who thinks that after just a shower he's ready to go anywhere! And won't the girls all admire his muscles!

Sure they would! But not many dance floors are set up for hurdle races! You can't show off your snappy left hook when only cokes are in the ring. The "he-man" who's also clean-cut, will get the breaks wherever he is.

Even Cute Girls Become Careless

Easy, too easy, for a girl to think that if she has the latest in clothes and hair-do she needn't bother about blackheads. A little more make-up, she guesses, will take care of that. BUT MAKE-UP WON'T HIDE BLACKHEADS! Not unless it's plaster of paris, maybe! And even good make-up "slips" at a dance! So don't take chances, cute though you may be!

TAKE THESE TIPS TO BANISH BLACKHEADS

Keep skin clean by washing morning and night with warm, almost hot, water. Use good soap and plenty of it. And finish with cool water.

Extract every blackhead as soon as you see it — with a SAFE extractor. Don't use finger nails. Don't squeeze. That may mean infection, injured tissues, a marred skin.

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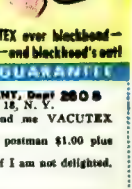

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TIME: MAY 11, 1908
PLACE: PARIS, FRANCE
CHARACTERS:
M'SIEU REYNAUD
PEPI
ANTON ZIRCON
HEINZ

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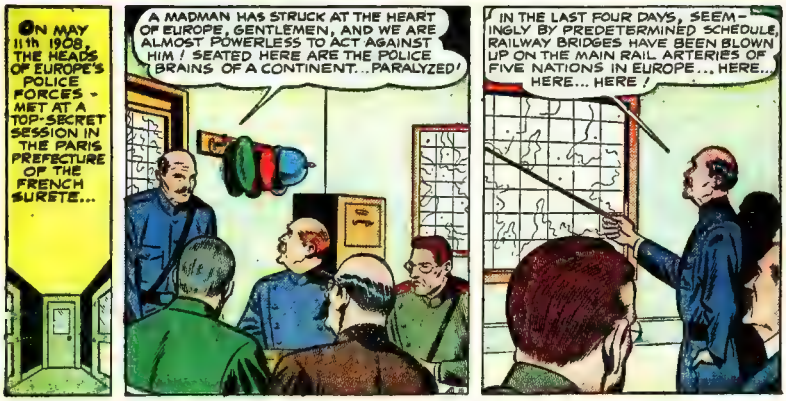

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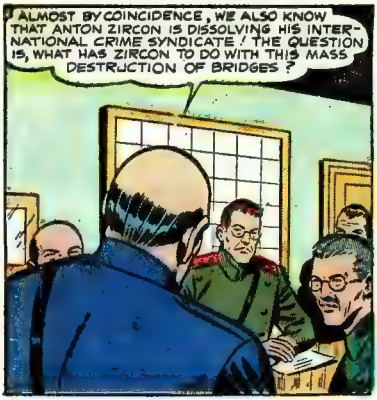
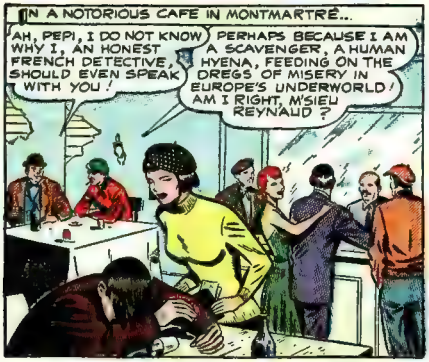
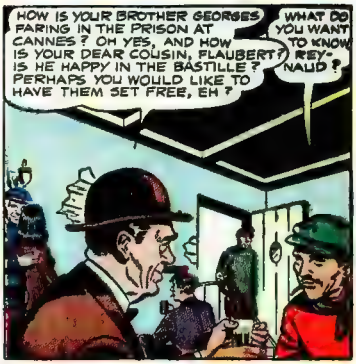

ALMOST BY COINCIDENCE, WE ALSO KNOW THAT ANTON ZIRCON IS DISSOLVING HIS INTERNATIONAL CRIME SYNDICATE! THE QUESTION IS, WHAT HAS ZIRCON TO DO WITH THIS MASS DESTRUCTION OF BRIDGES?

I SAID BEFORE WE ARE PARALYZED! SO FAR WE HAVE KEPT MASS PANIC AND HYSTERIA FROM SWEEPING EUROPE! ALL OUR HOPES ARE PINNED ON ONE MAN... LEON REYNAUD!


IN A NOTORIOUS CAFE IN MONTMARTRE...
AH, PEPI, I DO NOT KNOW WHY I, AN HONEST FRENCH DETECTIVE, SHOULD EVEN SPEAK WITH YOU!
PERHAPS BECAUSE I AM A SCAVENGER, A HUMAN HYENA, FEEDING ON THE DREGS OF MISERY IN EUROPE'S UNDERWORLD! AM I RIGHT, M'SIEU REYNAUD?


HOW IS YOUR BROTHER GEORGES FARING IN THE PRISON AT CANNES? OH YES, AND HOW IS YOUR DEAR COUSIN, FLAUBERT? IS HE HAPPY IN THE BASTILLE? PERHAPS YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THEM SET FREE, EH?
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW, REYNAUD?

YOU ARE THE CRAFTIEST THIEF IN EUROPE, PEPI! ANTON ZIRCON IS LIQUIDATING HIS ASSETS IN EUROPE! HE IS HERE IN PARIS! I WANT YOU TO TAKE ME TO HIM!
YOU ARE ASKING ME TO TAKE YOU TO THE DEVIL HIMSELF! WHAT IS YOUR PRICE, REYNAUD?

THE PRICE? FREEDOM FOR YOUR BROTHER GEORGES AND PERHAPS A PARDON FOR FLAUBERT! AS FOR YOURSELF, THAT IS HARD TO SAY! WHAT DO YOU WANT?
YOU WILL LAUGH WHEN I TELL YOU! ALL MY LIFE I HAVE SECRETLY ENVIED MY MORE FORTUNATE FELLOWS. I WANT ONLY ONE THING; TO WORK WITH THE POLICE AND M-MAYBE, SOMEDAY, TO BE A GENDARME MYSELF!

AGREED! I GIVE YOU MY WORD I SHALL SET YOU ON THE ROAD TO A NEW LIFE!
GOOD! LET'S GO! I'LL BRIEF YOU ON THE STREET!

NO DOUBT YOU'VE HEARD OF THE DESTRUCTION OF EUROPE'S MOST IMPORTANT BRIDGES! ANY CONNECTION WITH ZIRCON'S ACTIVITIES?
DEFINATELY! BUT I DON'T KNOW WHY! DID YOU KNOW HE HAS KILLED EVERY PARTNER HE HAD IN PRAGUE? VIENNA, BUDAPEST AND NAPLES? HE'S MAD... ABSOLUTELY INSANE!
THERE IS A CRAZY PATTERN HERE SOMEWHERE! ZIRCON DISSOLVES HIS ORGANIZATION, KILLS EVERY TONGUE THAT MIGHT WAG AND THEN DESTROYS BRIDGES! WHY... WHY ... WHY?
BECAUSE HE IS CRAZY, MON AMI! CRAZY LIKE A FOX!
THERE... IN THAT LIGHTED ROOM! ZIRCON WAS SUPPOSED TO MEET WITH HIS REMAINING LIEUTENANTS TONIGHT! IT IS ALMOST TIME! THERE IS A SECRET ENTRANCE TO THE BUILDING! WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?
SCALE THE BUILDING BY GRIPPING THE BROKEN BRICKS AND EAVESDROP ON THEM! SIGNAL ME IF THEY ARE THERE!
WHAT AN AMAZING CONTRADICTION! A LIFE-LONG THIEF WANTS TO BE A POLICEMAN! AHH THE HUMAN COMEDY!
WHAT IS HE DOING? HE'S SIGNALLING FOR ME TO COME UP-STAIRS! IS THIS SOME TRICK?
THEY'RE ALL THERE... DEAD! ALL, EXCEPT ZIRCON!
WH...?? LET'S GO UP!
I KNOW THEM ALL... BOISSION, JAVOULIER, PERNAUD!
YOU KNEW THEM ALL, MON AMI! TWO ARE MISSING! ZIRCON AND HIS MOST TRUSTED HENCHMAN, RUDOLPH HEINZ!

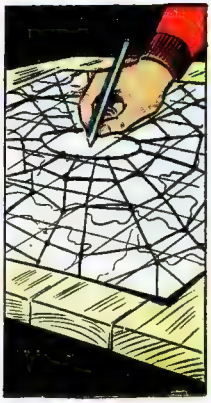
CIGARETTE STUBS, WINE GLASSES, PENCILS! THERE WAS A LONG CONFERENCE HERE, PEPI! THEY WERE ALL HARD AT WORK ON THE MAP OF EUROPE!
THEIR EXPLOSIONS HAVE CHANGED EUROPE'S FACE... BUT WHAT ARE ALL THOSE RED CIRCLES ON THE MAP?

THE PATTERN CONTINUES TO TAKE SHAPE!
YES! EVERY CIRCLE REPRESENTS BRIDGES THEY HAVE BLOWN UP ALL THE WAY FROM PRAGUE TO HAMBURG! NOT JUST BRIDGES, BUT RAILWAY BRIDGES!

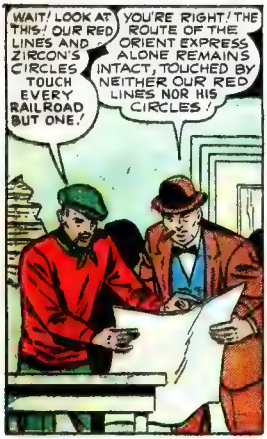
MADNESS... SHEER MADNESS WITH A DEVILISH PATTERN!
A PATTERN, OUI! SOMEWHERE ON THIS MAP IS THE KEY TO ZIRCON'S INSANITY! WHY DOES A MAN MASSACRE HIS GANG AND BLOW UP BRIDGES?!

WAIT! GIVE ME A RED PENCIL FOR A MOMENT! PERHAPS WE SOLVE THIS JIGSAW PUZZLE YET!
YOU HAVE IMAGINATION, PEPI, THE BASIC REQUISITE FOR A GOOD DETECTIVE!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
JOINING ALL THE RED CIRCLES THEY MADE ON THE MAP! MAYBE A PATTERN WILL EXPOSE ITSELF!



THERE! A CRUDE SPIDER WEB OR WHEEL! THE HUB LIES IN PARIS AND THE SPOKES INCLUDE EVERY MAJOR RAIL LINE ON THE CONTINENT!
IT COULD BE AN ESCAPE ROUTE FOR ZIRCON! HE KNOWS THE POLICE WILL WATCH EVERY STATION AND HARBOR IN EUROPE! BUT WHY BLOW UP BRIDGES?


WAIT! LOOK AT THIS! OUR RED LINES AND ZIRCON'S CIRCLES TOUCH EVERY RAILROAD BUT ONE!
YOU'RE RIGHT! THE ROUTE OF THE ORIENT EXPRESS ALONE REMAINS INTACT, TOUCHED BY NEITHER OUR RED LINES NOR HIS CIRCLES!

THINK, PEPI, THINK! WHAT IS HIS MOTIVE?
CONFUSION! A VAST AREA OF CONFUSION TO THROW THE PEOPLE OFF THE TRACK AND DIVERT THEIR ATTENTION!

DON'T YOU SEE? POLICE RUSH TO THE EXPLOSION SCENES! SCHEDULES ARE THROWN OUT OF GEAR ACROSS EUROPE! TRAINS ARE DELAYED FOR HOURS!
AND THE FOX SKIPS OUT ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS! QUICK, PEPI, WE HAVE TWENTY MINUTES TO REACH THE GARE DU NORE AND TAKE THE ORIENT EXPRESS!

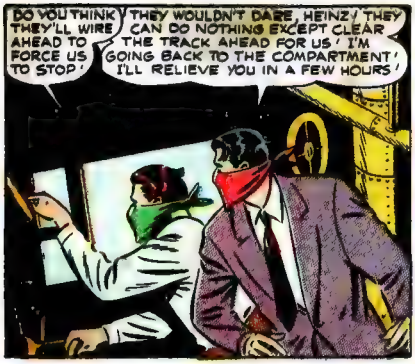
MERCHANTS, DIPLOMATS, GENERALS AND AN INSANE KILLER!
IT WILL BE HARD TO DISTINGUISH ONE FROM THE OTHER! ZIRCON IS A MASTER OF DISGUISE!

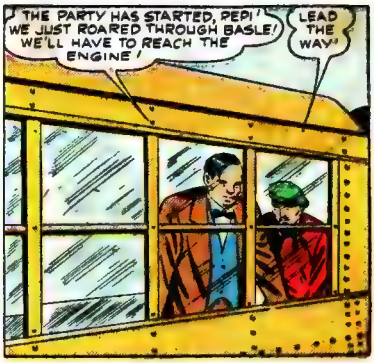
WRONG CAR MESSIEURS! YOUR CAR IS AT THE VERY END OF THE TRAIN!
THANK YOU! WE WILL WALK THROUGH THE TRAIN TO REACH OUR CAR!

THEY WALKED THROUGH, ALERT AND CAUTIOUS, EXAMINING EACH FACE, ABSORBING EXPRESSIONS, DETAILS, CHARACTERISTICS!

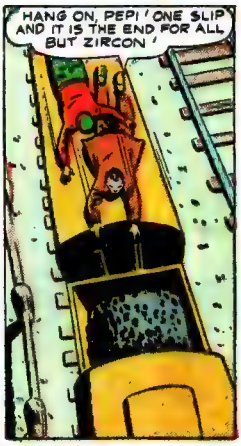
RECOGNIZE ANYONE, PEPI?
ZIRCON IS TOO CLEVER NOT TO DISGUISE HIMSELF WELL! HEINZ IS ALSO A MAN OF A HUNDRED FACES! WE'LL HAVE TO WATCH FOR HABITS! ZIRCON IS A PRODIGIOUS EATER! HE IS ALWAYS STUFFING HIS FACE!

NIGHT ENVELOPED THE ROARIN TRAIN IN A BLANKET OF BLACKNESS AS IT SPED ACROSS EUROPE WITH ITS BURDEN OF INNOCENT AND GUILTY..
I CAN'T BELIEVE ZIRCON WOULD BE SUCH A FOOL! HE KNOWS PASSPORTS AND VISAS WILL BE EXAMINED AT THE CHECK-POINT NEAR BASLE!
PERHAPS HE HAS NO INTENTION OF STOPPING AT BASLE! HE'S DESPERATE! ALL EUROPE IS HUNTING HIM!
AT 4:00 A.M. THAT MORNING...
DON'T STAND UP! YOU FOOL! YOU'LL LOSE BALANCE IN THIS WIND!
I'VE STRADDLED MOVING TRAINS BEFORE, ZIRCON! BESIDES, THE TRAIN WILL BE NEARING BASLE IN AN HOUR! WE'VE GOT TO HURRY!
I'LL TAKE THE ENGINEER! MOVE QUIETLY AND QUICKLY!
RIGHT!
THE TRAIN IS OURS!
YOU'VE MADE YOUR LAST RUN ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS, MES ENFANTS!
SHROUDED IN DEATH, THE PLUNGING MONSTER HURTLED THROUGH BASLE WITHOUT STOPPING...
IT ISN'T STOPPING!
S-SOMETHING IS WRONG!


DO YOU THINK THEY'LL WIRE AHEAD TO FORCE US TO STOP!
THEY WOULDN'T DARE, HEINZ! THEY CAN DO NOTHING EXCEPT CLEAR THE TRACK AHEAD FOR US! I'M GOING BACK TO THE COMPARTMENT! I'LL RELIEVE YOU IN A FEW HOURS!


THE PARTY HAS STARTED, PEPI! WE JUST ROARED THROUGH BASLE! WE'LL HAVE TO REACH THE ENGINE!
LEAD THE WAY!

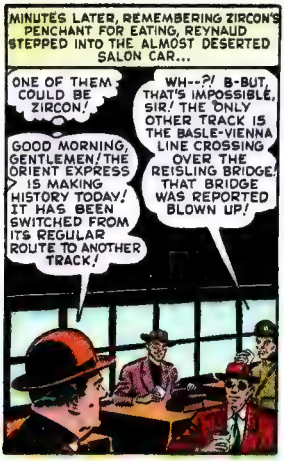
C-CAN YOU M-MAKE IT PEPI?
YES! DON'T LOOK DOWN BELOW AND YOU WON'T GET DIZZY!

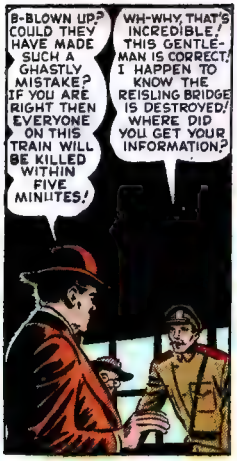

HANG ON, PEPI! ONE SLIP AND IT IS THE END FOR ALL BUT ZIRCON!

THEY'VE KILLED THE CREW! THAT'S HEINZ, ISN'T IT?
YES! ZIRCON MUST HAVE GONE BACK TO THE TRAIN! LET'S GO!

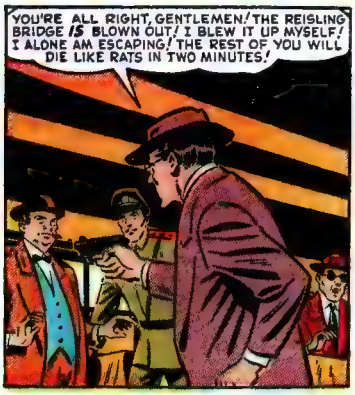
ARRRRGH!

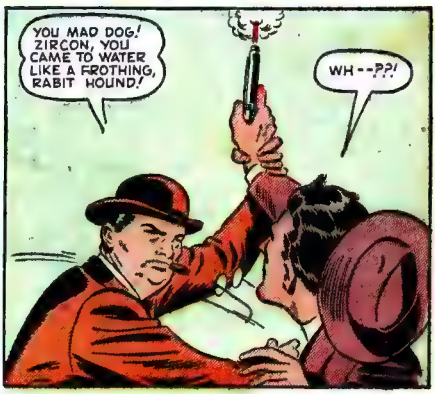
KEEP THE TRAIN MOVING! I'LL TAKE A WILD CHANCE AND SEE IF I CAN SCARE UP ZIRCON BY SOME RUSE OR OTHER!

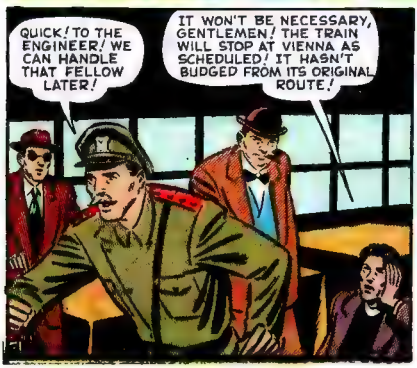

MINUTES LATER, REMEMBERING ZIRCON'S PENCHANT FOR EATING, REYNAUD STEPPED INTO THE ALMOST DESERTED SALON CAR...
ONE OF THEM COULD BE ZIRCON!
WH--?! B-BUT, THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE, SIR! THE ONLY OTHER TRACK IS THE BASLE-VIENNA LINE CROSSING OVER THE REISLING BRIDGE! THAT BRIDGE WAS REPORTED BLOWN UP!
GOOD MORNING, GENTLEMEN! THE ORIENT EXPRESS IS MAKING HISTORY TODAY! IT HAS BEEN SWITCHED FROM ITS REGULAR ROUTE TO ANOTHER TRACK!


B-BLOWN UP? COULD THEY HAVE MADE SUCH A GHASTLY MISTAKE? IF YOU ARE RIGHT THEN EVERYONE ON THIS TRAIN WILL BE KILLED WITHIN FIVE MINUTES!
WH-WHY, THAT'S INCREDIBLE! THIS GENTLEMAN IS CORRECT! I HAPPEN TO KNOW THE REISLING BRIDGE IS DESTROYED! WHERE DID YOU GET YOUR INFORMATION?

THE CHIEF CONDUCTOR JUST TOLD ME A MESSAGE TO THAT EFFECT HAS BEEN RECEIVED! FOR SOME REASON OR OTHER THE TRAIN WENT THROUGH BASLE WITHOUT STOPPING!
S-SOMEONE WILL HAVE TO REACH THE LOCOMOTIVE! THIS TRAIN MUST BE STOPPED AT ONCE!


YOU'RE ALL RIGHT, GENTLEMEN! THE REISLING BRIDGE IS BLOWN OUT! I BLEW IT UP MYSELF! I ALONE AM ESCAPING! THE REST OF YOU WILL DIE LIKE RATS IN TWO MINUTES!


YOU MAD DOG! ZIRCON, YOU CAME TO WATER LIKE A FROTHING, RABIT HOUND!
WH--?!


QUICK! TO THE ENGINEER! WE CAN HANDLE THAT FELLOW LATER!
IT WON'T BE NECESSARY, GENTLEMEN! THE TRAIN WILL STOP AT VIENNA AS SCHEDULED! IT HASN'T BUDGED FROM ITS ORIGINAL ROUTE!

A FINE HAUL, REYNAUD! MY COUNTRY WANTS PEPI FOR A HUNDRED CRIMES!
YOU'RE NOT GETTING HIM! FRANCE NEEDS NEW BLOOD IN THE SURETE AND I'M BRINGING THEM THE FINEST DETECTIVE WHO EVER DREW BREATH!
THE END

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THAT COPPER MUST'VE THOUGHT I WAS WAITIN' FOR A TROLLEY CAR!

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ONE HOT SUMMER'S DAY IN 1936 IN ROSALIA, WASH....

GREAT CAESAR! WHY DOESN'T HE RING IN AN ALARM!

FIRE! FIRE!

HOW'D IT START?

SEARCH ME! I CAN'T FIGURE IT! ALL THE DOORS WERE LOCKED! THERE WAS NOTHING COMBUSTIBLE INSIDE!

ALL NAMES AND PLACES IN THIS TRUE-TO-LIFE STORY ARE FICTITIOUS
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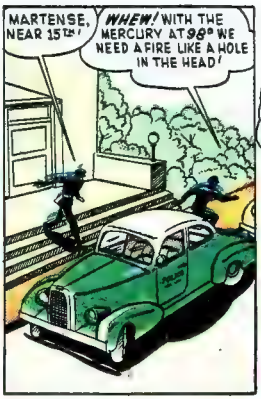
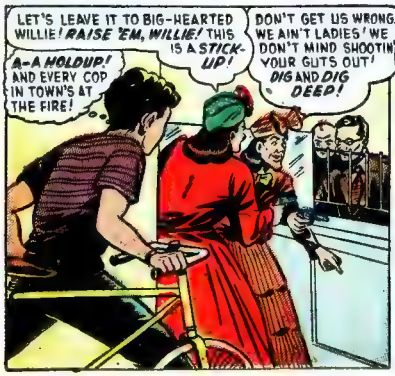


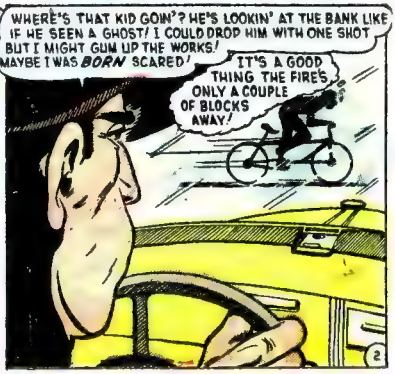
DELIGHTED WITH THE RESULT OF THEIR DIABOLICAL ARSON.. REESE BAILEY'S GANG WATCHED THE FIREMEN AND POLICE RUSH TO THE BLAZE!

DOWNTOWN ROSALIA WAS DESERTED BY THE POLICE!

BUT THERE WAS ONE PERSON ABLE TO HELP...



...AND HE TOOK OFF FURIOUSLY AFTER THE POLICE!



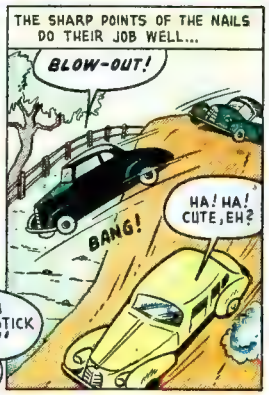
AT THE FIRE... A BROKEN WINDOW, SOME RAGS AND...
THIS WAS NO ACCIDENTAL FIRE! SOMEBODY BROKE IN AND SET THE BLAZE WITH DIRTY RAGS AND KEROSENE! ANYBODY HAVE A REASON?
N-NOT THAT I KNOW OF!
HELP! POLICE!
THE DELIVERY BOY DELIVERS HIS MESSAGE!
WHAT'S ALL THE EXCITEMENT, SON?
THE BANK! THEY'RE ROBBING THE BANK!
THIS FIRE BEGINS TO MAKE SENSE! WHOEVER SET IT, PULLED EVERY COP AWAY FROM THE CENTER OF TOWN!
WHERE'S GRULEY GOING?
THE KID SAYS SOMEBODY'S ROBBING THE BANK, IF IT'S ON THE LEVEL, GRULEY'LL NEED HELP!
FOR GOSH SAKE! A COP! I'LL BET THAT KID WENT FOR HIM!
FOR CRIMINY SAKES, REESE! YER STUFFIN' THAT BAG LIKE WE GOT ALL DAY!
YOU SAID IT! THEM SMOKEHEADS AND BULLS MUST STILL BE PUTTING OUT THAT FIRE!
SCREEE
BANK
REESE WAS ON THE BALL WITH THIS GET-UP! THE COPPER MUST THINK I'M SOME DAME WAITING FOR A TROLLEY-CAR!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT! NO SIGN OF A LOOK-OUT!
REESE!
I SEE HIM—! LET HIM HAVE IT!
SOMETHIN' WENT WRONG AT THE FIRE! WE'VE GOT TO BREEZE!
AAAEEEEE

THIS COP IS ONLY NUMBER ONE! THE REST OF 'EM WILL START BUZZIN' DOWN ON US IN A COUPLE OF SECONDS!
WE'LL FIX THAT! C'MON GEORGIE! WAKE UP ONE OF THE SLEEPIN' BEAUTIES!
GET UP, MISTER BEFORE I KICK YOUR RIBS IN!

THEY'RE COMIN'! LOOK!
SO WHAT! THEY WON'T DO ANY BLASTIN' WHILE WE'VE GOT THIS JERK AROUND! GET HIM IN THE CAR AN' LET'S MOVE!

SAYS YOU! THOSE AIN'T HAILSTONES!
GET GOING!

THEY'RE GAININ' ON US! I THOUGHT THIS CRATE WAS SOUPED UP TO DO A HUNDRED!
IT WAS, BUT IT AIN'T GIVIN' OUT!
ROOFING NAILS
WAIT TILL THEM TIRES FEEL THE STICK OF THESE ROOFIN' NAILS! THAT'LL STOP 'EM COLD!


THE SHARP POINTS OF THE NAILS DO THEIR JOB WELL...
BLOW-OUT!
BANG!
HA! HA! CUTE, EH?

BUT THE POLICE ARE NOT STOPPED, AND...
THEY GOT GEORGIE!

AND THIS GUY TOO! OUT YOU GO! WE'LL MAKE A GETAWAY NOW!
YEAH BUT THEY'LL BE AFTER US! THEM NAILS IS A DEAD GIVE AWAY! THE FEDS THINK ROOFIN' NAILS IS A NICKNAME FOR REESE BAILEY!

THE NEXT DAY IN SPOKANE
WE'VE IDENTIFIED THE DEAD CROOK AS GEORGIE MORSE, ONE OF REESE BAILEY'S PUNKS!
NOW IF WE CAN ONLY FIND OUT WHO WAS BUNKING BAILEY NEAR ROSALIA...
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AS SHERIFF OF THIS COUNTY I KNOW EVERY CHARACTER WITHIN FIFTY MILES OF ROSALIA! YOU'LL BE INTRODUCED NICE AND PROPER! BUT WHO'S REESE BAILEY? I NEVER HEARD OF HIM ON THE COAST!

NEITHER DID WE! HE'S CONFINED HIS JOBS TO FAST! GOT A REP THERE AS "THE ROBIN HOOD OF NORTH CAROLINA! TELL YOU ABOUT IT ON OUR WAY TO ROSALIA!

WE'VE BEEN AFTER BAILEY FOR YEARS, MOSTLY BANK HOLDUPS ALONG THE ALANTIC COAST! WE KNOW IT WAS BAILEY WHO PULLED THAT ROSALIA JOB! THAT ROOFING NAIL GETAWAY IS THE HALLMARK OF A BAILEY ESCAPE, BUT THIS ***FEMALE GET-UP*** IS A NEW WRINKLE!

IT SURE FOOLED POOR GRULEY! HE NEVER SAW THAT LOOKOUT TILL IT WAS ***TOO LATE!*** WELL, WE'RE COMING TO THE BAD CHARACTERS IN TOWN! TURN RIGHT ON THE FIRST DIRT ROAD!

FOR A WEEK THE SEARCH WENT ON FOR THE HARBORERS OF REESE BAILEY GANG...

DON'T KNOW ***WHO*** YER TALKING ABOUT!

ME—STASH THREE GUYS IN MY ONE ROOM TWO BY FOUR? YOU GUYS NEED A ***PSYCHIATRIST!***

I KINDA ***FORGET*** WHAT I KNEW, BUT IF I TRY HARD I MIGHT...

DON'T PUT ON A SQUEEZE! ***SPILL IT,*** GREY STUFF, OR YOU'LL BE BOARDING AS UNCLE SAM'S GUEST!

OKAY--I'LL TALK! THERE'S A GUY LIVES FOUR MILES OUT OF ROSALIA! RUNS AN ORCHARD, AS A FRONT FOR HIDING GUYS ON THE LAM! HE KEPT THREE GUESTS IN A MAROON SEDAN A WEEK AGO THEY AIN'T BEEN BACK SINCE!

SHORTLY AFTER, AT THE RANCH...

SOMEBODY GAVE YOU A ***BUM STEER!*** I RUN A ***RESPECTABLE*** APPLE ORCHARD!

SURE! AND HERE'S ONE OF THOSE WORMY MACINTOSHES YOU'VE GOT BARRELED IN THE CELLAR!

YOU'RE A ***SUCKER!*** YOU'LL GET TWENTY YEARS FOR COVERING BAILEY! THAT'S NOT SMART, SUCKER!

YOU WIN! WHAT D'YA WANT?

THE NAME OF EVERY PLACE BAILEY MENTIONED AS A POSSIBLE HIDE-OUT!

THE F.B.I. RAN ALL THE TIPS INTO THE GROUND! FOR THE MOST PART THEY WERE STRAIGHT, BUT THE WILY BAILEY KEPT PULLING OUT SECONDS BEFORE THE G-MEN SHOWED UP!

THE FEDS BEEN PLAYIN' "ME AN MY SHADOW," FOR MONTHS! HOW DO THEY KNOW SO MUCH?

BAILEY REPORTED IN THE VICINITY OF INDIANAPOLIS! INVESTIGATE AT ONCE!

THIS BUSINESS OF US TAKIN' IT ON THE LAM TOGETHER IS BONE-HEADED! WE'VE GOT TO SPLIT, JUKE! ME-I'M SETTLIN' DOWN ON A FARM AN RAISIN' DANDELIONS! YOU WANT TO KEEP MOVIN', SO HERE'S YOUR CUT!
NO HARD FEELINGS, REESE, BUT I THINK YOU'RE A JERK FOR STANDIN' STILL! THAT'S JUST WHAT THE FEDS WANT!
AND HERE'S YOUR CABBAGE PATCH SIR!
I KNEW SOMETHING WAS ODD THE WAY HE HANDED OVER TWO HUNDRED CENTURIES AS A DOWN PAYMENT! THE BANK SAYS THE MONEY IS HOT! THEY'VE NOTIFIED THE F.B.I. IN COLUMBUS!
FINE! CABBAGE AN LETTUCE-THEY'RE MY MEAT! HEH! HEH! JOKE!
HMMM! ACT NORMALLY, SAM! PRETEND EVERYTHING WENT ACCORDING TO HOYLE!
BUT AT THE REAL ESTATE OFFICE WHERE BAILEY BOUGHT HIS FARM...
EARLY ON NOVEMBER 26, 1936, G-MEN CLOSED IN ON THE NEWLY BOUGHT HOUSE! BUT THEY WERE BETRAYED BY TWO MEAN-TEMPERED FARM DOGS!
QUICK! RUSH THE HOUSE!
F-FEDS! HOW'D THOSE BLOODHOUNDS FIND OUT I'M HERE?
DON'T BE A FOOL, BAILEY! DROP THAT GUN, OR YOU'LL LEAVE HERE IN A BASKET!
NUTS! THIS WON'T BE THE FIRST TIME I SHOOK YOU!
BUT THIS TIME WE'VE GOT NO TIRES AND YOU'VE GOT NO ROOFING NAILS! ONE SIDE, LADY, YOUR LIABLE TO GET HURT!
IF I CAN ONLY MAKE IT TO THE CAR!
THE CRIMINAL MADE A DESPERATE TRY FOR FREEDOM...
...BUT THE G-MEN CLOSED IN QUICKLY!
NONE OF HIS WOUNDS ARE FATAL! BAILEY'LL LIVE TO SPEND THE REST OF HIS LIFE IN THE PEN! HOW'RE OUR BOYS?
OKAY! JUST A COUPLE OF FLESH WOUNDS! NOW IF WE NAIL THAT JUKE RYBA, WE'LL WASH UP THE WHOLE PACK OF CIGAR SMOKING LADIES!
THE G-MAN'S WORDS WERE A PROPHECY! TWO MONTHS LATER, REESE BAILEY CHANGED HIS FEMININE COSTUME TO A CONVICT'S DRESS... FOR LIFE!
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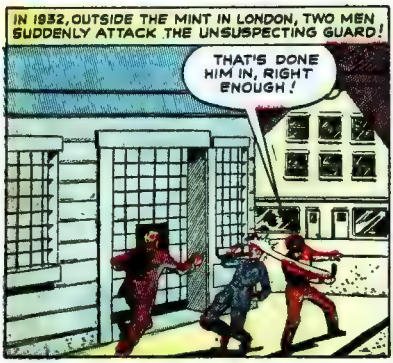

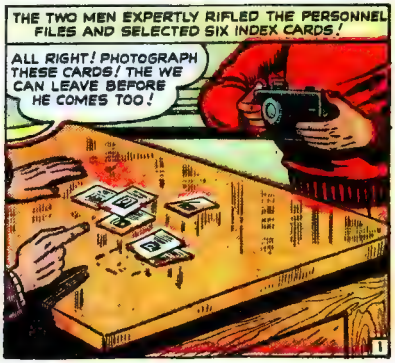

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FIRST LET'S MESS THE PLACE UP TO CONFUSE THE BOBBIES!
THIS IS THE SORT OF THING I'VE WANTED TO DO FOR YEARS! HOPE IT FOOLS THEM!

SOON AFTER, THE POLICE ARRIVED!
THEY STRUCK ME ON THE HEAD, SIR! WHEN I CAME TO, THEY WERE GONE!
ANYTHING MISSING?

NOTHING SEEMS TO BE MISSING, JUST ALL MESSED UP!
WHO'D WANT TO SLUG A GUARD JUST TO MESS UP THE PERSONNEL FILES?

THE ANSWER LAY IN A FASHIONABLE HOTEL SUITE IN LONDON!
LUCKY! WE FINISHED THE JOB!
WE POPPED THE GUARD ON THE NOB, RIFLED THE PERSONNEL FILES AND PHOTOGRAPHED THE CARDS OF ALL THE MINT ENGRAVERS! HERE ARE THE PRINTS!

SPLENDID! ALL THE OTHER PEOPLE WHO'VE EVER GONE INTO COUNTERFEITING FAILED BECAUSE THEIR BILLS WEREN'T MADE ACCURATELY! I CAN'T MISS! I'M GOING TO HAVE MY PLATES FOR THE PHONY BILLS MADE BY A GOVERNMENT ENGRAVER!

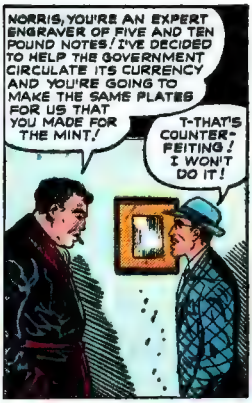
SURE IS A SLICK PLAN, LUCKY!
HMM, HERE'S AN INTERESTING FELLOW, EDWARD NORRIS! EXPERT ENGRAVER OF FIVE AND TEN POUND NOTES! FIFTEEN YEARS EXPERIENCE, BACHELOR... LIVES ALONE! NORRIS IS OUR MAN! TAKE A LOOK AT THIS PICTURE AND GET HIM!
RIGHTO!

THE NEXT DAY AS THE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES LEFT THE MINT...
THERE'S NORRIS!
OH, MR. NORRIS, COULD I SEE YOU A SECOND?
HUH! YOU WANT ME?

THROW HIM IN!
WHAT'S GOING-- I--
START THE MOTOR!

W-WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME? WHO ARE YOU?
SIT BACK AND ENJOY THE RIDE, MR. EDWARD NORRIS! WE'RE SETTING UP A NEW BUSINESS AND YOU'RE GOING TO HELP!

HERE HE IS, LUCKY! EDWARD NORRIS, DELIVERED ON SCHEDULE!
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?


NORRIS, YOU'RE AN EXPERT ENGRAVER OF FIVE AND TEN POUND NOTES! I'VE DECIDED TO HELP THE GOVERNMENT CIRCULATE ITS CURRENCY AND YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE THE SAME PLATES FOR US THAT YOU MADE FOR THE MINT!
T-THAT'S COUNTERFEITING! I WON'T DO IT!

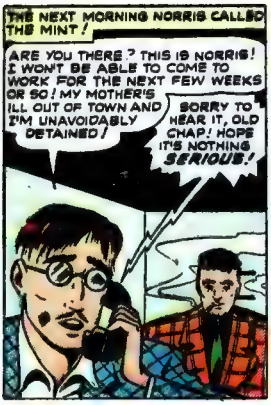
YOU'LL GET YOUR CUT AN IT PAYS MORE THAN YOU'RE GETTING NOW! MUCH MORE!
SORRY, I'M NOT THE CRIMINAL TYPE!

GOING TO HELP US?
OOW!... NO!

HOW ABOUT IT, NORRIS?
N-NO...!

OKAY, THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE! ACCORDING TO YOUR PERSONNEL FILE CARD, YOU SEND PART OF YOUR PETTY SALARY TO YOUR MOTHER WHO LIVES OUT OF TOWN!
WHAT'S MY MOTHER GOT TO DO WITH IT?

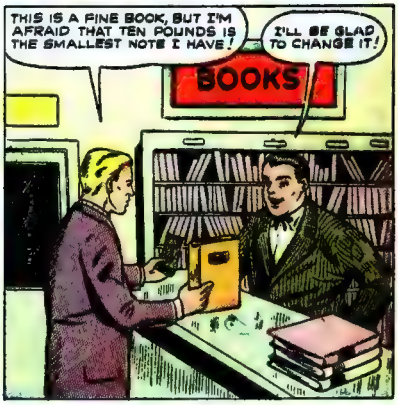
IF YOU WANT TO KEEP HER LIVING OUT OF TOWN YOU'LL WORK FOR US! CHECK?
YOU BLOODY CROOKS, YOU'VE BLACK MAILED ME INTO THIS! YOU LEAVE MY MOTHER ALONE... I'LL MAKE YOUR PLATES!


THE NEXT MORNING NORRIS CALLED THE MINT!
ARE YOU THERE? THIS IS NORRIS! I WON'T BE ABLE TO COME TO WORK FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS OR SO! MY MOTHER'S ILL OUT OF TOWN AND I'M UNAVOIDABLY DETAINED!
SORRY TO HEAR IT, OLD CHAP! HOPE IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS!

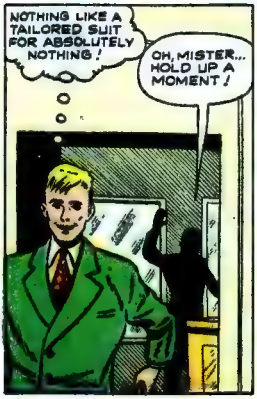
LUCKY BLINDFOLDED NORRIS AND LED HIM TO A COMPLETELY EQUIPPED PRINTING SHOP IN THE BASEMENT OF HIS COUNTRY HOME OUTSIDE OF LONDON!
IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU WANT WE'VE GOT WAYS OF GETTING IT! MONEY TALKS, AND YOU'RE GOING TO START MAKING A LOT OF MONEY FOR US!
JUST LEAVE ME ALONE!

A WEEK LATER, THE FIRST NOTES CAME OFF THE PRESS!
PERFECT! THE TEXTURE IS ALMOST IDENTICAL WITH THE REAL BILLS, BUT THE ENGRAVING IS ABSOLUTELY IDENTICAL!
IT SHOULD BE! I'VE MADE ENOUGH PLATES FOR REAL NOTES!

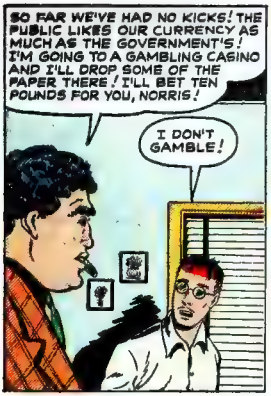
ALRIGHT, BOYS! HERE'S SOME MONEY TO START DISTRIBUTING AND DON'T WORRY, NO ONE CAN SPOT THAT THEY'RE NOT THE REAL THING!
OKAY, LUCKY!
RIGHTO! LET'S HAVE A REAL BLOW!

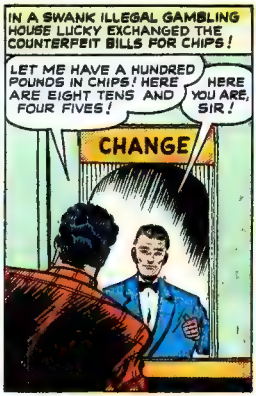

THIS IS A FINE BOOK, BUT I'M AFRAID THAT TEN POUNDS IS THE SMALLEST NOTE I HAVE!
I'LL BE GLAD TO CHANGE IT!
BOOKS

FITS PERFECTLY! I'LL TAKE IT!
IT'S THIRTY POUNDS, SIR! AND YOU'RE GETTING YOUR MONEY'S WORTH!


NOTHING LIKE A TAILORED SUIT FOR ABSOLUTELY NOTHING!
OH, MISTER... HOLD UP A MOMENT!

SOMETHING'S WRONG!
COME BACK! YOU FORGOT YOUR CHANGE!


SO FAR WE'VE HAD NO KICKS! THE PUBLIC LIKES OUR CURRENCY AS MUCH AS THE GOVERNMENT'S! I'M GOING TO A GAMBLING CASINO AND I'LL DROP SOME OF THE PAPER THERE! I'LL BET TEN POUNDS FOR YOU, NORRIS!
I DON'T GAMBLE!

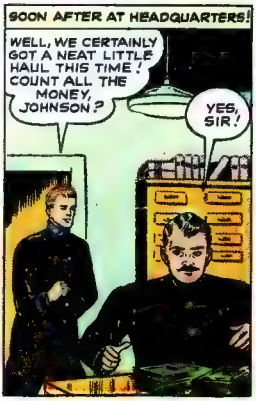

IN A SWANK ILLEGAL GAMBLING HOUSE LUCKY EXCHANGED THE COUNTERFEIT BILLS FOR CHIPS!
LET ME HAVE A HUNDRED POUNDS IN CHIPS! HERE ARE EIGHT TENS AND FOUR FIVES!
HERE YOU ARE, SIR!
CHANGE

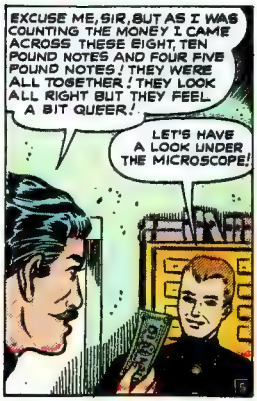
NUMBER 17--RED!
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS I CAN'T LOSE!
YOU WIN!
EVERYTHING ON 12--RED!

ROUND AND ROUND... NUMBER TWELVE R-RED!
THAT'S A THOUSAND POUNDS CLEAR...
RAID!

I'M LEAVING A PILE OF CHIPS BEHIND BUT I CAN'T AFFORD TO GET CAUGHT!
EVERYBODY STAY WHERE YOU ARE!

WE'VE GOT THEM ALL, SIR!
AND YOU'VE GOT ALL MY WINNINGS TOO! BUT I CAN MAKE UP MY LOSSES BY RUNNING OFF A FEW THOUSAND NOTES!

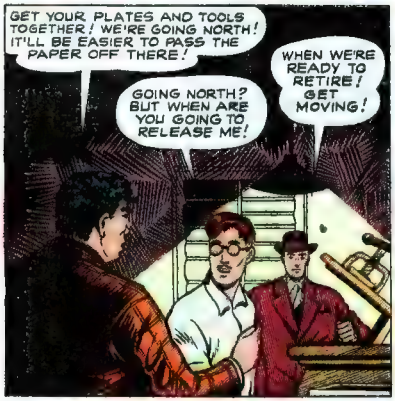

SOON AFTER AT HEADQUARTERS!
WELL, WE CERTAINLY GOT A NEAT LITTLE HAUL THIS TIME! COUNT ALL THE MONEY, JOHNSON?
YES, SIR!

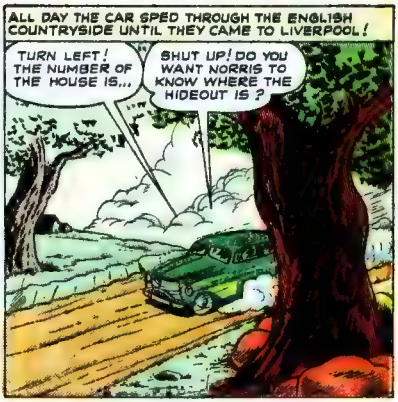

EXCUSE ME, SIR, BUT AS I WAS COUNTING THE MONEY I CAME ACROSS THESE EIGHT, TEN POUND NOTES AND FOUR FIVE POUND NOTES! THEY WERE ALL TOGETHER! THEY LOOK ALL RIGHT BUT THEY FEEL A BIT QUEER!
LET'S HAVE A LOOK UNDER THE MICROSCOPE!

THEY'RE COUNTERFEIT! WHOEVER PUT THESE OUT IS A MASTER! EXCEPT FOR THE SLIGHT DIFFERENCE IN TEXTURE OF THE BILLS YOU COULD NEVER SPOT IT! THE ENGRAVING IS PERFECT!
I'D ALMOST SWEAR THEY WERE USING GOVERNMENT PLATES TO MAKE THESE!

THE NEXT DAY ONE OF LUCKY'S MEN DASHED IN!
LUCKY, HAVE YOU SEEN THE PAPERS?
THE ONLY PAPERS I LOOK AT ARE THE ONES NORRIS PRINTS DOWNSTAIRS!

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
PULL OUT BEFORE THEY CATCH US!
EXTRA


GET YOUR PLATES AND TOOLS TOGETHER! WE'RE GOING NORTH! IT'LL BE EASIER TO PASS THE PAPER OFF THERE!
GOING NORTH? BUT WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO RELEASE ME!
WHEN WE'RE READY TO RETIRE! GET MOVING!


ALL DAY THE CAR SPED THROUGH THE ENGLISH COUNTRYSIDE UNTIL THEY CAME TO LIVERPOOL!
TURN LEFT! THE NUMBER OF THE HOUSE IS...
SHUT UP! DO YOU WANT NORRIS TO KNOW WHERE THE HIDEOUT IS?

OKAY, STEP LIVELY!
RIGHT BEHIND YOU... OOPS! THE PLATE FELL!

CLUMSY FOOL! LEAVE THAT BLINDFOLD ON!
I JUST WANT TO SEE IF THE PLATE'S BROKEN!
THE TRICK WORKED! WE'RE AT NUMBER 14 BLANDING SQUARE AND IN LIVERPOOL!
14 BLANDING SQUARE

GET IN AND DON'T LOOK!
M-MY EYES ARE CLOSED! BUT THE PLATE IS SMASHED TO PIECES!

THAT WAS A TEN POUND NOTE PLATE YOU DROPPED! WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE ALL THAT BUSINESS! GET BUSY AND MAKE ME A NEW PLATE!

ALL RIGHT, LUCKY! JUST LET GO OF ME!

A FEW DAYS LATER, THE NEW PLATE WAS FINISHED AND THE BILLS CAME OFF THE PRESS! LIKE THE FIVE POUND NOTES THEY WERE PASSED AROUND AND ACCEPTED IN THE NEW AREA! EVERYTHING WENT ALONG FINE UNTIL...

WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO LET ME GO?

IN A WEEK! A MONTH! A YEAR! WE'RE SAFE HERE AND I...

POLICE! THEY'RE ALL OVER THE PLACE!

COME OUT AND DON'T TOUCH YOUR PRESSES!

PRESSES? THEN THEY KNOW! FIRE AT THEM!

GET TO THE BACK... AAIIIEEE!

LOOK OUT!

DROP YOUR GUNS!

NO ONE GETS LUCKY LOU!

WHERE'D YOU COME FROM?

HEADQUARTERS! AND THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE GOING!

GUESS YOUR LUCK RAN OUT, LUCKY!

HOW'D YOU GET ME? I HAD THE BEST ENGRAVER IN THE BUSINESS! HOW'D YOU KNOW WHERE I WAS?

TAKE A LOOK AT ONE OF YOUR NEW TEN POUND NOTES UNDER THE MICROSCOPE!

WHY YOU DIRTY...

COME ALONG!

REMEMBER, LUCKY, MONEY TALKS!

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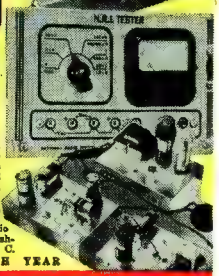

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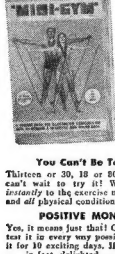

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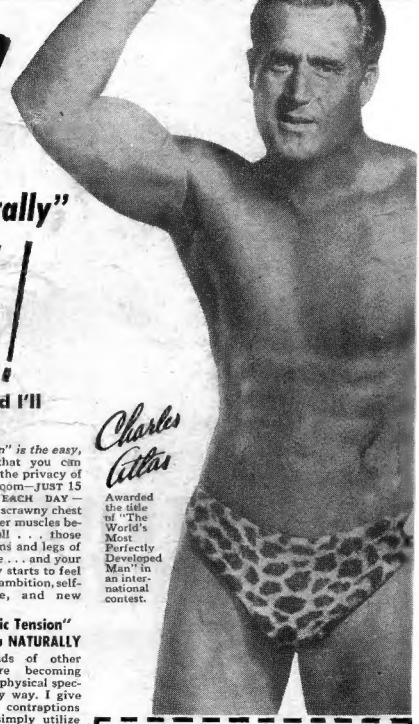

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WOULD you believe it? I was once a skinny 97-pound weakling. People used to laugh at my spindly build. I was ashamed to strip for sports or for a swim. Girls snickered at me behind my back. Folks said I was just "naturally-born skinny!"

Then I discovered my marvelous new muscle-building system—"*Dynamic Tension.*" And it turned me into such a *complete* specimen of MANHOOD that today I hold the title, "THE WORLD'S MOST PERFECTLY DEVELOPED MAN."

ARE YOU
Skinny and run down?
Always tired?
Nervous?
Lacking in Confidence?
Constipated?
Suffering from bad breath?
Do you want to gain weight?
WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT is told on this page!

WHAT'S MY SECRET?

When you look in the mirror and see a healthy, husky, strapping fellow smiling back at you—then you'll be astonished at how fast "*Dynamic Tension*" GETS RESULTS!

"*Dynamic Tension*" *is the easy,* NATURAL method that you can practice in the privacy of your own room—JUST 15 MINUTES EACH DAY—while your scrawny chest and shoulder muscles begin to swell . . . those spindly arms and legs of yours bulge . . . and your whole body starts to feel full of zip, ambition, self-confidence, and new energy!

"Dynamic Tension" Builds You NATURALLY

Thousands of other fellows are becoming marvelous physical specimens—my way. I give you no gadgets or contraptions to fool with. You simply utilize the dormant muscle-power in your own body. In a very short time, you'll watch it grow and multiply into real, solid, rippling, LIVE MUSCLE.

FREE BOOK Mail coupon now. I'll send my illustrated book, "Everlasting Health and Strength." Tells about my "*Dynamic Tension*" *method.* Shows photos of men I've made into Atlas Champions. It's a valuable book! And it's FREE. Mail coupon to me personally. CHARLES ATLAS, Dept. 608, 115 East 23rd Street, New York 10, N. Y.

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I want the proof that your system of "*Dynamic Tension*" will help make a New Man of me give me a healthy, husky body and big muscular development. Send me your free book, "Everlasting Health and Strength."

Name ..... *Age* .....
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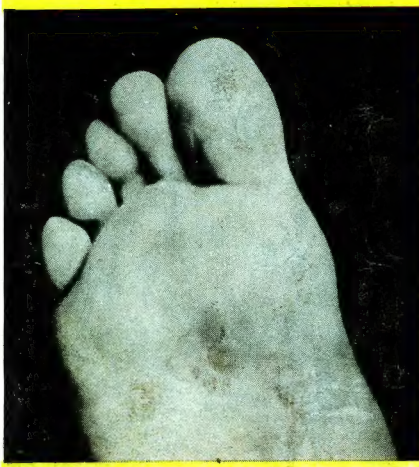
FOOT ITCH

ATHLETE'S FOOT



DISEASE OFTEN MISUNDERSTOOD

The cause of the disease is not a germ as so many people think, but a vegetable growth that becomes buried beneath the outer tissues of the skin.

To obtain relief the medicine to be used should first gently dissolve or remove the outer skin and then kill the vegetable growth.

This growth is so hard to kill that a test shows it takes 15 minutes of boiling to destroy it; however, laboratory tests also show that H. F. will kill it upon contact in 15 seconds.

DOUBLE ACTION NEEDED

Recently H. F. was developed solely for the purpose of relieving Athlete's Foot. It both gently dissolves the skin and then kills the vegetable growth upon contact. Both actions are necessary for prompt relief.

H. F. is a liquid that doesn't stain. You just paint the infected parts nightly before going to bed. Often the terrible itching is relieved at once.

H. F. SENT ON FREE TRIAL

Sign and mail the coupon, and a bottle of H. F. will be mailed you immediately. Don't send any money and don't pay the postman any money; don't pay anything any time unless H. F. is helping you. If it does help you, we know you will be glad to send us $1 for the bottle at the end of ten days. That's how much faith we have in H. F. Read, sign and mail the coupon today.

PAY NOTHING TILL RELIEVED

Send Coupon

At least 50% of the adult population of the United States are being attacked by the disease known as Athlete's Foot.

Usually the disease starts between the toes. Little watery blisters form, and the skin cracks and peels. After a while, the itching becomes intense, and you feel as though you would like to scratch off all the skin.

BEWARE OF IT SPREADING

Often the disease travels all over the bottom of the feet. The soles of your feet become red and swollen. The skin also cracks and peels, and the itching becomes worse and worse.

Get relief from this disease as quickly as possible, because it is both contagious and infectious, and it may go to your hands or even to the under arm or crotch of the legs.

GORE PRODUCTS, Inc. M.
823 Perdido St., New Orleans, La.

Please send me immediately a bottle of H. F. for foot trouble as described above. I agree to use it according to directions. If at the end of 10 days my feet are getting better, I will send you $1. If I am not entirely satisfied, I will return the unused portion of the bottle to you within 15 days from the time I receive it.

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